

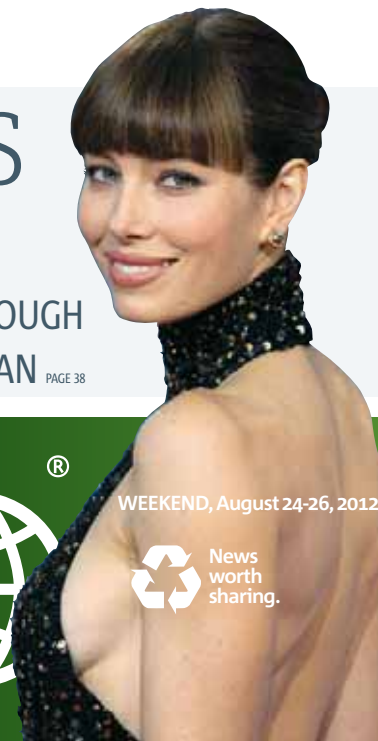
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Calgarians Hayley Rushford and her mom Loretta Tetarenko will head to Ontario next week to meet Keith Urban, following an online campaign that Rushford launched to boost her mom's spirits. CONTRIBUTED BY HAYLEY RUSHFORD

Ailing mom granted Keith Urban wish

#ProjectLoretta.

Calgary teen's social-media campaign to cheer up her cancer-stricken mother ends with invite to meet the star after a concert



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After countless tweets, messages of support and thousands of views on a YouTube video, Hayley Rushford finally received the email she's been waiting for.

For two months, Rushford has been keeping a secret from her mom, Loretta Tetarenko, who was diagnosed with breast cancer for a second time in June after beating the disease 18 years ago.

As first reported in Metro, Rushford launched social-

media campaign #ProjectLoretta to plead with country musician Keith Urban to reach out to her mom — whom Rushford touts as Urban's biggest fan. She also created a 20-minute video with messages from friends and family to seek Urban's support.

On Wednesday, her wish was granted. "Hi Hayley! I just wanted to reach out and let you know we saw the video you created for your mother and think it is AMAZING!" read the email from Urban's team. "Keith would love to meet you and your mom."

The pair will head to Niagara Falls, Ont., to see Urban in concert on Aug. 27, and meet the star backstage after the show.

"I closed the email and opened it again to make sure I wasn't dreaming," said Rushford. She's no longer alone on cloud nine, as Tetarenko has since been let in on the secret.

"I had no idea — none," said Tetarenko. "Even if this hadn't

Quoted

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Calgary teen Hayley Rushford, describing her reaction upon receiving a message from Keith Urban's team

happened with Keith Urban and I never got to meet him, that video I will treasure for the rest of my life."

Rushford said the success of the project was based on the support of others, including dozens of strangers from across the globe. The nearly 11,000 views on the YouTube video came from close to 90 countries.

"All the thanks and all the accolades should go to all the people who helped," she said. "It really wasn't my project, it was our project."

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Investigators make final checks on hazardous-material protective suits before heading into a home-based synthetic drug lab in northeast Calgary Thursday afternoon. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Synthetic drug lab a 'significant' find

Danger. Clandestine setup likely the first of its kind in city in a decade, police say



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Highly combustible chemicals were being mixed for at least six months in a northeast Calgary home that police say played host to the first synthetic drug lab of its kind to be discovered in recent memory.

A public tip helped lead police to a residence in the 200 block of Whiteview Bay N.E.

Inside the residence and a detached garage, investigators

found yellow powder, organic plant materials and numerous other hazardous substances that could take days to analyze.

Police requested a voluntary evacuation of all nearby residences overnight Wednesday as hazardous-material specialists called in from Edmonton along with RCMP and Calgary police attempted to get a handle on the situation. It was hoped residents would be able to safely return late Thursday.

"You are dealing with very flammable chemicals. You don't know what kind of controls are in place.... It could be potentially deadly," said police spokesperson Kevin Brookwell.

But even as investigators donned protective suits from head to toe just metres from

Criminal charges

- Police announced Thursday they have charged 32-year-old Calgary resident Shawn Michael Casey with several drug-related offences in connection with the synthetic drug lab found in a home on Whiteview Bay N.E.
- Police spokesperson Kevin Brookwell said more charges could be laid against Casey and potentially others alleged to be involved in the drug operation.

his backyard, longtime resident Herman Kubke remained in his house next door Thursday afternoon.

He formally served as part of neighbourhood Block Watch and had been noticing suspicious activities at the home in question in recent months.

"There were times when

there would be six cars parked in front of there," he said.

Brookwell said police had not previously visited the home and added that drug manufacturers often go to great lengths to disguise their operation.

"To find a lab like this is pretty significant," Brookwell said.

Second-degree murder

Friend charged in stabbing death

Police say the city's latest murder appears to have stemmed from a dispute between friends.

Investigators announced early Thursday that Byron Arnold Blanchard, 20, has been charged with second-degree murder.

Blanchard is alleged to have repeatedly stabbed longtime friend Joshua Hogarth, 18, also of Calgary.

Hogarth's body was found near a residence in the 200 block of 90th Avenue S.E. after police responded to a check on welfare call.

Blanchard was arrested without incident later in the day and now awaits his first court appearance. METRO

Not homicide

Charges ruled out in Erin Woods shooting

Police announced Thursday they will not lay charges after a man was killed in an Erin Woods home earlier this year.

Investigators have determined that Joseph Lesley Talbot, 35, broke into a home on Erin Circle S.E., brandished a knife and threatened a longtime friend of his.

The target inside the home had no route of escape, said Staff Sgt. Doug Andrus, and shot Talbot with a rifle.

The unidentified shooter originally was held while police investigated the death but was later released, Andrus said.

Ruling out criminal intent in the matter has lowered the city's homicide rate this year to six.

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50 new schools still the plan

Pledge. Tory campaign promise to build, renovate institutions remains on track, says education minister



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Just after declaring two new southern Alberta schools open for learning Thursday, the provincial education minister offered reassurance that his government is on track to build many more.

Education Minister Jeff Johnson said despite questions raised by opposition

parties over how Premier Alison Redford will fulfil a campaign promise to build 50 schools and renovate 70 more over the next four years in the face of economic uncertainty, the government remains committed to its goal.

"We just don't have the space for students," he added. "The schools that we are opening right now are critical and it's important that we keep looking at investing in schools."

But opposition Wildrose MLA Kerry Towle was quick to point out schools in numerous other communities continue to "burst at the seams."

She added that projected revenue levels lower than those originally forecast in the annual provincial budget could force Tories into debt if they push ahead with Redford's school pledge.

"That, to me, should be a great concern to all Albertans," Towle said.

But Johnson maintained that he has been given no indication of a change of plans from Redford. He added, however, that specific locations and construction timelines for the new schools are still being determined.



Students like these are continually being crammed into tighter classrooms in a number of communities across Alberta. METRO FILE

Openings

- In all, Alberta will unveil 15 new schools this fall, including two celebrated Thursday in Okotoks and Langdon. Calgary and Edmonton will each see four new schools open.

- Provincial student enrolment is projected to grow by 100,000 over the next decade.

Anti-logging group disappointed with minister meeting



Grizzlies are listed as a threatened species in Alberta, and University of Alberta researchers say the animals are impacted by logging roads and human activity in their habitat. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Members of an anti-logging group say they're skeptical a meeting with the provincial environment minister will lead to real change in the Castle wilderness area.

Members of the Stop Castle Logging Group sat down with Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development Diana McQueen at the McDougall Centre in Calgary Thursday to voice their concerns over logging proposed by the Spray Lake Sawmills.

"Yet again, we were in a situation where the minister listened to our concerns, and

that's always appreciated, obviously, but she's been listening to our concerns for a very long time now," said Sarah Elmeligi, senior conservation planner with Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society and a representative from the Stop Castle Logging Group.

"Now is not the time for listening, now is the time for action, and that's what we didn't get today."

Alan Brice, a guide with Alberta Fly Fishing Adventures in the Crownst Pass, said he's seen first hand the environmental impact of

clear-cutting, as well as the effect it has on tourism.

"All our tourists leave ... they just drive 25 minutes to British Columbia," he said.

McQueen said she is in the process of collecting information from various groups and was hesitant to give a timeline for when a decision will be made about the proposal.

"For me, that was a great opportunity to hear their perspective," she said Thursday. "Now is a chance for me to hear what the various viewpoints are."

KATIE TURNER/METRO

Stop Castle Logging

- Elmeligi said they've been battling with the province on logging issues for more than a decade.
- The Stop Castle Logging Group said they will continue to encourage people to speak out against the proposed logging.
- More information on the group can be found at stopcastlelogging.wordpress.com.

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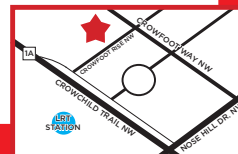
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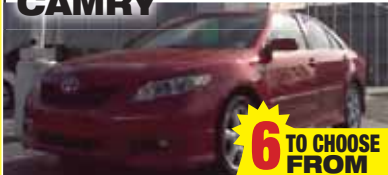


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A restaurant in L.A. recently announced that patrons who dined without their cell-phones would receive a discount on their bill.

The promotion caused foodies continent-wide to sweat through their lululemons, as they tried to picture a dining experience not being interrupted by a plethora of photos.

When news spread to Calgary of this new dining concept, frustrated food fanatics took to Twitter to celebrate the mere idea of a phone-free eating experience. Unfortunately, for now, the Glencoe Club seems to be the only establishment that forbids the use of cellphones.

Maybe it's because I tend to be more tuned into social media than the normal person, but I can't help but notice that we spend more time taking pictures of our food than actually eating it. Admittedly, this is something that I'm guilty of.

As soon as that dish is served in front of me, instead of reaching for my cutlery, I almost immediately go for my camera, to share with my social network the picturesque details of what I'll soon be eating. Even though I'm certain no one cares.

There used to be a time when restaurants frowned on photos being taken, but I think those same restaurants figured out something we

haven't yet. Why would the new and trendy restaurant not want the free word-of-mouth advertising that comes with patrons posting pictures of their dinner?

It's not like we are getting a discount for sharing their tasty dishes with our networks on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. So while our food is getting cold, businesses are raking in free advertising, all because we've convinced ourselves that people are genuinely interested in what we're having for supper.

What if Calgary not only embraced a cellphone-free dining experience, but expanded it to include all facets of our life? Imagine how much more enjoyable concerts at MacHall would be if we could trade in our phone for a comfortable seat? Or if tickets to the movies were cheaper if you could prove you left your phone in the car.

In fact, fixing many of our bad habits should be rewarded. Those people who are cool enough to pick up their dog's poop on someone's lawn should get a discount on dog food at the pet store. And if you're responsible enough to wear your life-jacket on the Bow, you should get some money back on your raft rental.

Calgary's never really been at the forefront when it comes to innovative city initiatives, but I think we should own this one. Welcome to Calgary: a city where you're rewarded for not being annoying. It's pretty catchy.



Calgary police continue to find motorists engaged in activities like this behind the wheel. METRO FILE

Province stays the course on distracted-driving law

Hand-holds. Activities involving phones still account for bulk of fines issued under nearly year-old legislation



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Hundreds of Calgary drivers are still being caught with their attention on things other than the road, but Alberta's transportation minister believes provincial distracted-driving legislation has helped fill an enforcement gap.

Data released by city police shows a continual climb over the first half of 2012 in \$172 fines issued under the relatively new law, which was introduced last September and bans numerous attention-diverting activities behind the wheel.

But when asked earlier this week about potentially bumping up the fine or adding on some demerit penalties, Transportation Minister Ric McIver offered little indication of that would happen in the near future.

He pointed to a more serious charge already in existence, driving without due care and attention, which garners a \$402 fine and six demerit points.

"Three of those, you lose your licence," McIver said. "We have got an array of fine levels and types of offences... For that reason, we are not considering adding to it."

The Alberta Motor Association has maintained that, early on, motorists complained of "inconsistent enforcement," but spokesperson Don Szarko told Metro earlier this month that those have tapered off.

"I think, overall, this legislation has played a very important role on Alberta roads," Szarko said.

Some police forces — namely those in British Columbia and Ontario — have utilized similar legislation much more frequently than

June a busy month

- June saw the greatest number of distracted driving fines issued by Calgary police at 644. That compares with 416 infractions recorded last October — the first month of actual enforcement of the new legislation.

Alberta, but McIver cautioned statistics usually hinge on policing strategies and priorities.

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Trades and Technology

SAIT Polytechnic
hosts grand opening
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This week SAIT Polytechnic will be able to boast a few more innovations at the learning institute's campus as it showcases 740,000 square feet of new lab and classroom space as the

doors to its Trades and Technology complex are opened.

Almost three years in the making, the \$400-million project will house four schools and departments that school officials said are essential crafts for Alberta.

"The students we are producing in these buildings is what keeps Alberta going," said Boris Dragicevic, SAIT associate vice-president of facilities management and campus

expansion.

While divided into three buildings, the schools have a relationship with one another in industry, Dragicevic said.

He added that each of the buildings share the same design aesthetic, such as exposed ductwork, to visually link them.

Other noteworthy additions of the complex is a state-of-the-art research lab, innovative welding booths,

a 3D drilling simulator — the first in a post-secondary institution in North America — and the first Spolombo's deli outside of Inglewood.

The complex is home to the MacPhail School of Energy, the School of Construction, and the School of Manufacturing and Automation, and has the potential capacity for just over 8,000 additional students.

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SAIT on Thursday revealed its completed Trades and Technology Complex, which adds 740,000 square feet of space. CELESTE DE MUELENAERE/FOR METRO

Calgary Zoo tiger cubs exposed to larger world

A bigger playground.

For three hours a day the cubs will swim, play and pounce around in their new tiger pen

All grown up

"They still need mum but they are bigger and can do more things."

Colleen Baird, Calgary Zoo curator, on the three tiger cubs being past the "toddler" phase of their lives.

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Kira, Vasili and Samkha — the three tiger cubs at the Calgary Zoo — now have a bigger playpen in which they can hone their pouncing and prowling skills.

The Calgary Zoo announced on Thursday that starting this week the cubs and their mother will be out in the big tiger pen from 9 a.m. until noon daily.

It is a significant step in the five-month-old cubs' lives, as a larger pen means more space to develop skills and muscles integral to tiger life, said curator Colleen Baird.

"They are at this developmental stage where they are now ready to run longer distances and deal with bigger pools of water," she said.

While the cubs have already developed some basic stalking and pouncing skills, Baird said with more places to hide and space to run, they can "carry it forth with a run."

It essentially simulates the prowess of a hunt in the wild, she said.

Furthermore, the cubs get a chance to master their swimming legs in the big pen's lagoon by imitating their mother paddling around in the water.

Baird added that, although the cubs are now past the "toddler" phase, their mother, Katja, isn't quite ready to leave her little ones to their own devices completely.

"When she's doing different behaviours, too, the cubs pick up on that and she guides them to doing new things as well," said Baird.



Starting this week, the five-month-old tiger cubs at the Calgary Zoo will now be able to better master their pouncing skills as they will be exploring the grounds of the larger tiger pen from 9 a.m. till noon daily. CELESTE DE MUELENAERE/FOR METRO

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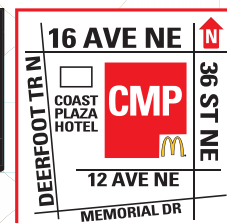
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New Conservatives overwhelmed by onslaught of campaigning

Calgary Centre nomination.

Recent party sign-ups compelled to screen calls, not answer doors

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Saturday's Conservative Party nomination in Calgary Centre can't come soon enough for numerous riding residents who say they've been bombarded by candidates' phone calls, emails and drop-in visits ever since signing up with the party in order to vote.

"It's truly outrageous," said Donovan Lawrence, who in the past few weeks has

counted 85 phone calls on his cellphone and at least as many emails, in addition to frequent campaign visits at his front door.

"I feel trapped," Lawrence said. "It's gotten to the point where I'm afraid to leave my house. It's crazy."

Bryan Fenske, who signed up online with the party a couple of weeks ago, tells a

similar story. "The telephone rings a minimum of seven or eight times a day," he said. "And what really annoys me — this is a pet peeve of mine — is that not one of them has been a live call. They're all recorded announcements."

Tim Kane said he's been getting 10 to 15 calls each evening after taking out a first-time party membership

earlier this month.

"I signed up for it and I wish I didn't, just because it is ridiculous," he said. Kane said he's so turned off by the experience he no longer plans to vote on Saturday.

The seat is considered safe for the Conservatives, meaning the winner of Saturday's nomination vote will likely become the next MP.

Calgary Centre MP

Lee Richardson served as the Conservative MP for Calgary Centre from June 2004 to May 2012, when he resigned his seat in order to work for Alberta Premier Alison Redford.



Aviation enthusiast flying high after 'Sentimental Journey'

Kimberley, B.C., resident and self-described "big-time aviation enthusiast" Rod Duggan beams after stepping off a B-17G Flying Fortress in Calgary on Thursday. The Second World War-era bomber, named "Sentimental Journey," is one of fewer than 10 such operational aircraft in the world. It arrived from Cranbrook, B.C., to take part in the 2012 Aviation Calgary Expo on Aug. 25 and 26. Duggan's wife arranged the flight as a 45th-birthday present. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

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Safety. Toddlers tumbling out of windows prompts Health Services' warning

Eleven children in Calgary were injured in the past six weeks after falling out of windows, prompting Alberta Health Services to urge parents to make their homes safer.

"In Calgary, what we've seen the most is usually a child falling from a second-storey window in a residential home," said Stuart Brideaux of the Calgary EMS.

In at least one case, a child fell from as high as five storeys, Brideaux said — but so far this year none of the falls have been fatal.

AHS recommends that parents with young children install window locks or slid-

Incidents

- **Ages.** Most of the injured children this summer were between the ages of two and four.
- **Injuries.** Last summer, 12 children were treated for injuries in a five-week period after falling out of windows.

er guards that prevent windows from opening more than 10 centimetres.

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Race and festival

Dragon boats hit Glenmore Reservoir

More than 800 paddlers are set to compete in the third-annual Calgary Dragon Boat Race and Festival, which runs Saturday and Sunday at North Glenmore Park.

Forty-two teams of 20

were registered for the event, said Shane Martin of the Calgary Dragon Boat Society. He also expects about 1,000 spectators.

The festival also features kids entertainment, beer gardens and live music.

"And a whole bunch of the Calgary food trucks are going to be down there," Martin said. METRO

Man and his best friend shoot for Frisbee record



Rob McLeod and his Frisbee-catching partner, Davy, will attempt to set a world record on Saturday in Calgary. CONTRIBUTED BY ROB MCLEOD

Champions. Calgarian Rob McLeod and his whippet, Davy, set a world record at a competition in Denver in July



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Most people throw a Frisbee with their dog for fun, but Calgarian Rob McLeod takes it a little more seriously.

As a longtime ultimate Frisbee player and now competitive thrower, McLeod is coming off of a competition in Denver, Colo., where he set a record with his partner in crime, Davy,

Striving high

"For me, to try and grow the sport, one of the easiest things to do is set records."

Calgarian Rob McLeod

a whippet.

The pair broke the current quadruped world record by more than 15 yards, with a throw of 116.5 yards caught by Davy. They became the 2012 quadruped national champions.

Despite setting that record earlier this month, McLeod is striving higher.

He plans to shoot for a Guinness World Record this weekend for the longest throw and catch to a dog, which currently stands at 130 yards.

"There's a lot of factors, including having a good tail wind," he said, adding training with a dog adds another variable.

"With distance, I can just go up and throw as hard as I can. With him (Davy), you have to practise to make sure it's going to float long enough for him."

McLeod is inviting supporters to come out to the Queen Elizabeth Jr./Sr. High School on Saturday between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to watch him attempt to beat the Guinness World Record. "For me, to try and grow the sport, one of the easiest things to do is set records."



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New project launched to find ill-fated ships

Nunavut. Inuit oral tradition has been key for previous searches seeking the lost Franklin expedition

The search for the lost ships of the ill-fated Franklin expedition continues.

A new research project was announced Thursday by the prime minister in Nunavut, where the ships are believed to have sunk.

"Why do we search for the Franklin? The wreckage of the Franklin expedition is a national historic site designated some time ago — it is the only undiscovered national historic site, we feel an obligation to discover it," Stephen Harper said.

Sir John Franklin set out from England in 1845 to find the Northwest Passage with two ships, the HMS Erebus and HMS Terror.

But they ended up trapped in ice, and Franklin, along with other crew members, died in 1847. The next year, the surviving crew set out on foot but were never seen alive again.

All this is known thanks to a message left in a cairn on

Details

- The federal government is contributing \$275,000 to the new expedition, with additional costs being picked up by private partners.
- It's expected to last between four and six weeks.

King William Island, and while the message suggested where the two ships might have been when they were abandoned, previous attempts to find the wrecks have been unsuccessful.

In 2010, a search team did find the remains of the HMS Investigator, sent in 1850 to find Franklin.

The unknown final resting place of the ships was declared a national historic site in 1992, though the ships will remain the property of the United Kingdom.

The search areas will include both the O'Reilly Island area, west of the Adelaide Peninsula, and further north to Victoria Strait and Alexandra Strait.

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Order of Canada. Black capable of defending his membership in writing, federal lawyers say

Conrad Black has a way with words, government lawyers say, and the Order of Canada advisory council is well aware of that — he gave them a copy of his latest book.

Federal lawyers are set to argue in court Friday that Black should have no trouble making written arguments to the council deciding the status of his Order of Canada membership, documents show.

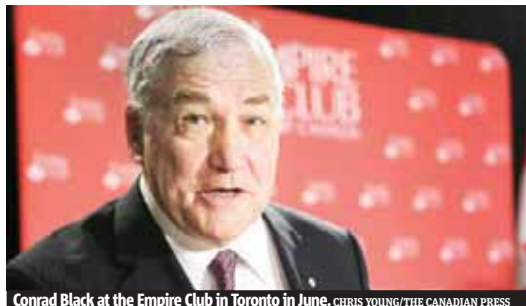
Black, 67, is asking Federal Court to force the advisory council to allow him an oral hearing as it decides whether to recommend the Governor General revoke Black's prestigious membership, bestowed upon him in 1990.

His lawyers are arguing that his case is too complex to be handled in writing — the only medium Order of Canada rules allow. The former media magnate went to Federal Court after his request to make arguments in person was denied.

But documents filed in advance of Friday's hearing show federal lawyers are relying on Black's own prowess with prose to argue that he doesn't need oral arguments to make his voice heard.

The council can recommend members of the order be stripped of their status, but the final decision rests with the Governor General.

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Conrad Black at the Empire Club in Toronto in June. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Infestation

Medicine Hat escalates battle against rats

Officials in Medicine Hat think it could take two years to clear the city of rats.

The municipality has announced it's stepping up its war on the rodents with a new strategy called "Operation Haystack."

Ed Jollymore, the city's waste manager, says baited hay bales will be scattered around Medicine Hat to attract and kill the vermin with a poison that won't harm people or pets.

Prior to the infestation, Alberta had been largely rat-free for 50 years.

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Disease

Resurgence seen in syphilis cases

Cases of syphilis across Canada have risen dramatically over the last two decades, spiking to more than 1,750 cases in 2010 from 177 in 1993, the most recent statistics show.

"People age 30 and older accounted for 73 per cent of all the reported cases in

2010," said Dr. Howard Njoo of the Public Health Agency of Canada. "The other interesting thing is the vast majority of cases are among men."

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Arctic

Officials fretted over war game

The administrative wing of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's office worried about the optics of hundreds of Canadian troops taking part in a major NATO-sponsored Arctic war game in northern Norway earlier this year.

Conservatives have made rebuilding the military, more international involvement and a more muscular presence in the North key policy touchstones.

But senior federal officials told the army last fall they weren't sure the country should participate in Exercise Cold Response.

It took the intervention of the assistant deputy minister of policy at National Defence to smooth the way for the army's participation, reassuring senior government officials that were "no policy obstacles" that contradicted Government of Canada procedures.

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Colorado shooting. Suspect was banned from university, prosecutors tell court

Prosecutors say the suspect in the Colorado theatre shooting made threats and was banned from the University of Colorado after failing a key exam six weeks before the rampage.

They made the accusations about James Holmes in court Thursday as they tried to convince a judge to let them see records from the university, where Holmes had been a graduate student.

They also claim professors had urged Holmes to get into another line of work before the shooting. Attorney Karen Pearson didn't disclose where their information came from, and prosecutors did not give further details on the nature of the threats.

Defence lawyer Daniel King objected to the release of the re-

Education records sought

- Prosecutors are seeking non-medical education records turned over last week to an Arapahoe County district judge.
- They have said they need the documents to gain access to a notebook reportedly containing violent descriptions of an attack.

cords, calling the prosecution's request a "fishing expedition."

Holmes, a former neuroscience doctoral candidate at the university, is accused of killing 12 people and wounding 58 others in the July 20 shooting.

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Wisconsin

First lady meets families of temple shooting victims

First lady Michelle Obama met Thursday with families of those killed and wound-

ed earlier this month when a white supremacist opened fire at a Sikh temple in Wisconsin. Temple official Kulwant Singh Dhaliwal said Obama offered her sympathies for the Aug. 5 tragedy. He said her appearance is a "wonderful gesture." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Judgment day: Breivik's mental state will be focus of court ruling



Confessed Norwegian killer Anders Behring Breivik gestures as he arrives at court in Oslo in this April file photo.

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Norway massacre. On Friday, the confessed mass killer will learn his fate — but if he's declared insane, he'll appeal 'on the spot'

Anders Behring Breivik's defence lawyers say the confessed mass killer won't appeal if he's sentenced to prison but he will challenge any ruling that declares him insane.

Breivik's mental state will be the focus when the Oslo district court presents its judgment against Breivik on Friday for the bomb and gun attacks that killed 77 people and injured more than 200 in July last year. After deliberating for two months, a five-judge panel will decide whether to send the right-wing extremist to prison or a mental hospital.

After speaking to Breivik on Thursday, defence lawyer Geir Lippestad said his client would only appeal if committed to psychiatric care. "He is very clear that if he is deemed insane, he will appeal, and appeal on the spot," Lippestad said. An

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appeals trial would likely be held early next year.

Breivik, who claims he is a "militant nationalist," said during the trial that being sent to an insane asylum would be the worst thing that could happen to him and accused Norwegian authorities of trying to cast him as sick to deflate his political views. His lawyers say Breivik is already at work writing sequels to the 1,500-page manifesto he released on the Internet before the attacks.

Regardless of the sentence, Breivik will be taken back to Oslo's Ila Prison, where he has been held in isolation for most of the time since his arrest.

The prison has built a psychiatric ward just for Breivik in case he's declared insane. But even if he is, he wouldn't be placed in that unit if he immediately appeals the insanity ruling, said prison spokeswoman Ellen Bjercke.

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Congressman case

Possible threat investigated

Police are investigating a reported threat against the U.S. congressman criticized for saying that women's bodies have ways of preventing pregnancies in cases of "legitimate rape."

A spokeswoman, Lt. Kimberly Schneider, says there is "an active, open investigation" into a reported threat against Rep. Todd Akin.

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Break out

26 teens flee juvenile facility

Authorities in Guyana say more than two dozen teenagers escaped a state-run juvenile facility in a rural region of the South American country.

Police said Thursday that they have captured eight of the 26 teenagers who escaped from the facility that holds children convicted of misdemeanours or abandoned by parents.

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Mass arrest

Meth ring foiled by authorities

More than two dozen people have been indicted in California for their roles in a cross-border drug ring that sent methamphetamine to the United States from Mexico.

Federal authorities say 16 of 27 people were arrested Thursday as part of a 16-month investigation.

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Desperate measure?

Leader promises inmate deaths

Gambia's president says he has vowed to start executing by mid-September all of the country's inmates who had been sentenced to the death penalty as part of efforts to curb the rising crime rate.

President Yahya Jammeh did not say how many would be executed, but said the death sentences must be carried out as people continue to commit heinous crimes.

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Craters get Curious as rover roams Mars

Mission possible.

Vehicle now poised to study whether Mars environment could support life

Now that Curiosity passed its driving test on Mars, the six-wheel NASA rover can set its sights on longer treks.

The first test drive around the pebbly Martian crater where it landed was just that — a test drive. The rover edged forward about 15 feet, rotated to a right angle and reversed a short distance, leaving tracks in the rust-tinted soil.

Mission managers were elated that Wednesday's maiden trek of the \$2.5-billion mission was glitch-free.

"It couldn't be more important," said project manager Peter Theisinger. "We built a rover. So unless the rover roves, we really haven't accomplished anything.... It's a big moment."

The short spin came a day after Curiosity successfully



Curiosity rover's wheel tracks on the surface of Mars are seen in an image sent from one of the rover's cameras. NASA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

wiggled its wheels to test its steering capabilities.

Curiosity landed in Gale Crater near the Martian equator Aug. 5 to explore whether the environment once supported microbial life. The touchdown site has been named Bradbury Landing in honour of the late The Martian Chronicles author Ray Bradbury, who would

have turned 92 on Wednesday.

The rover's ultimate destination is Mount Sharp, a towering mountain that looms from the ancient crater floor. Signs of past water have been spotted at the base, providing a starting point to hunt for the chemical building blocks of life.

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You too can watch rover on the run

Viewers can now relive the drama of the Curiosity rover's landing on Mars with a new video detailing the final moments of touchdown.

Curiosity is the first spacecraft to record a landing on another planet.

The U.S. space agency Thursday posted the video on its website, embedded with audio from mission control. It starts with the heat shield falling away. The ground grows larger in view as Curiosity is lowered by cables into an ancient Martian crater.

"Touchdown confirmed" is heard, followed by cheers.

The rover arrived on Aug. 5 to begin a two-year mission to examine whether Mars's environment was hospitable for microbial life.

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Lennon's killer denied release by N.Y. parole board

Mark David Chapman.

Parole board said the crime was 'heinous, unprovoked, violent, cold and calculated'

John Lennon's killer was denied release from prison in his seventh appearance before a parole board, New York corrections officials said Thursday.

Mark David Chapman, 57, was denied parole by a three-member board after a hearing Wednesday, the state Department of Corrections said. Chapman can try again for parole in two years.

He shot Lennon in December 1980 outside the Manhattan apartment building where the former Beatle lived.



Mark David Chapman, murdered John Lennon in 1980.
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Chapman was sentenced in 1981 to 20 years to life in prison after pleading guilty to second-degree murder.

The musician, singer and songwriter was 40.

"Despite your positive efforts while incarcerated, your release at this time would greatly undermine respect for the law and tend to trivialize the tragic loss of life which you caused as a result of this heinous, unprovoked, violent, cold and calculated crime," board member Sally Thompson wrote.

The panel praised Chapman's conduct and accomplishments but said "parole shall not be granted for good conduct and program completions alone." The board noted there was significant opposition to his release.

In 2010, Chapman recalled that he had considered shooting Johnny Carson or Elizabeth Taylor instead, and said he chose Lennon because he was more accessible. His motivation was instant notoriety.

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Montana man injured by runaway cow

A runaway cow darts in front of a police car in Billings, Mont. on Tuesday. Morgan Logan, of Acton, who was injured while trying to help corral the cow, has been released from hospital. Logan suffered broken bones in his lower leg and had sore ribs after being thrown by the 1,200-pound bovine. The animal began its rampage after escaping from the Public Auction Yards. BOB ZELLAR/BILLINGS GAZETTE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Navy SEAL writer identified

The U.S. navy SEAL who wrote an account of the raid that killed Osama bin Laden under a pseudonym was identified Thursday as Matt Bissonnette, who retired from the navy last summer.

One current and one former U.S. military official confirmed the name, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss military personnel matters.

The book, No Easy Day, is scheduled to be released Sept. 11, with the author listed under the pseudonym of Mark Owen. The publisher asked that his identity be withheld. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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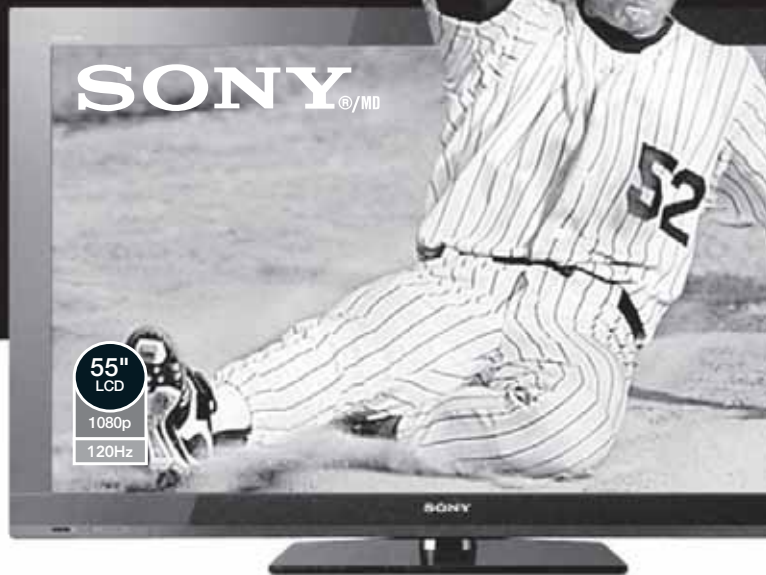
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Amateur artist in Spain ruins fresco of Christ

Borja, Spain. Priest asked the elderly parishioner to touch up the painting

The distraught 81-year-old woman who turned a damaged fresco on a church wall in Spain into an international joke says she'd been asked to fix the painting by the local priest.

"Everybody who came into the church could see we were painting," an aghast Cecilia Gimenez told the Spanish TV station RTVE.

"We've always repaired everything here," she said.

"Of course, it was the priest" who asked her to touch up the portrait of Jesus Christ that hung in the San-



The 20th-century Ecce Homo-style fresco of Christ before, left, and after an amateur artist tried to restore it. A priest had asked her to touch it up.

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tuario de Misericordia in the small town of Borja near Zaragoza in northeastern Spain.

The painting, widely misrepresented as a "valuable 19-century fresco," is actually the 20th-century work

of a local man, Elias Garcia Martinez, with mostly sentimental value. Locals say professional restorers have been called in to look at repairing the damage.

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Chilean students demand education reform

Students throw stones at riot police on Thursday during a protest for education reform in downtown Santiago. They are demanding quality public schools and protesting the high cost of private universities and high-interest bank loans. VICTOR RUIZ CABALLERO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Profs march for pay hike

Thousands of Sri Lanka's university teachers and trade-union members marched in Sri Lanka's capital to demand a 20 per cent pay hike and an increase in funding for education, amid a two-month strike at university campuses.

The teachers' strike has crippled state-run univer-

sities since June, and on Tuesday, the government indefinitely closed 13 of the 16 campuses.

In addition to the pay hike, teachers are demanding greater academic freedom and that six per cent of the country's GDP be allocated for education.

The government has agreed to some of the demands, but says it cannot give the pay hike because it would be too high as compared with salaries in other industries.

Union members from other sectors joined the teachers' protest Thursday.

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Hot air balloon crash kills four in Slovenia

Caught in a storm.

Similar balloons are used in Kenya, South Africa and Australia

A hot air balloon that crashed in Slovenia on Thursday was one of the largest of its kind in the world. Tourists who are willing to pay more than \$100 each to be crammed aboard the capsules of such balloons often enjoy sightseeing adventures over the Slovenian Alps and its lakes.

But the giant balloons aren't always easy to operate. On Thursday, this one was swept up in a storm and crashed in a fireball outside Slovenia's capital, killing four of its 32 riders and injuring the rest.

The hot air balloon is the oldest successful flight technology that carries passengers, also known as balloon aircraft. A hot air balloon consists of a bag called the envelope that contains heated air. Suspended beneath it is a gondola, or in some high-altitude balloons, a capsule. A source of heat for the air in the balloon in most cases is an open flame blower.

Thursday's flight offered a ride from near the capital, Ljubljana, and over the Alpine scenery toward Bled, the most popular tourist resort in Slovenia. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Rescuers survey the site of a hot air balloon crash near Ljubljana, Slovenia, Thursday. A hot air balloon carrying 32 people, including children, was swept up in a storm and crashed in a fireball, killing four people. **MATEJ LESKOVSEK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Other crashes

- Balloon accidents occur for a variety of reasons, but human error and the decision to fly during weather warnings are frequently cited as a primary cause. There were rare cases where an accident was attributed to failure of the balloon hardware.
- On Aug. 13, 1989, two hot air balloons collided near Alice Springs, Australia, causing one to crash to the ground, killing 13 people. It is the deadliest hot air ballooning accident in the history of aviation.
- Slovenia has had two major ballooning accidents in recent years. In 2002, one caught fire and nine people were injured. In 2006 four people were hurt when a balloon crashed.

Regulated industry. Aircraft must meet standards

Smaller balloons are much easier to handle and manoeuvre. Those carrying up to 32 people usually climb vertically up to 2,000 metres and don't move sideways or glide with the wind.

According to international safety regulations, balloon pilots are certified just like airplane pilots and must have operational certificates. Like planes, balloons must meet safety standards and are inspected on a regular basis. In addition, pilots must inform passengers about safety guidelines during flights prior to lift-off. The basket must be robust enough to ensure adequate protection to all occupants even during rough landings. The burner unit must be designed and installed in such a way to avoid a fire hazard.

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Hot air balloons are seen during the World Hot Air Balloon Championship in Battle Creek, Mich., on Aug. 21. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Politician hijacks miners' memorial

South Africa.

Ministers accused of complicity in shootings last week that killed 34 striking miners and wounded 78

A fiery politician cast out of the ruling party Thursday hijacked the main memorial service for 34 striking miners killed by police, to accuse President Jacob Zuma's government of complicity in the shootings. Angry government ministers walked out.

Zuma did not attend any of the services. He called a news conference to announce a retired supreme court judge will head a judicial commission of inquiry to investigate "the facts and circumstances which gave rise to the use of force and whether this was reasonable and justifiable in the particular circumstances."

He announced a wide range of issues for the commission to investigate, including the role of London-



A mourner at the Lonmin Platinum Mine memorial near Rustenburg, South Africa, on Thursday.

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registered Lonmin PLC, which owns the platinum mine where the violence was sparked by union rivalry.

The commission would look at Lonmin's conduct and report "whether the company, by act or omission, created an environment which was conducive to the creation of tension, labour unrest, disunity among its employees or other harmful conduct," Zuma said.

The sombre and grieving tone of the memorial service at the mine was shattered by Julius Malema, who was expelled in April for sowing disunity in the African National Congress. Malema was applauded when he said the government has not intervened in the mines "because our leaders are involved in these mines." He said that President Zuma's foundation and other ANC leaders have shares in the mines.

"Our government has become a pig that is eating its children," charged Malema.

Malema's outburst came after church leaders had urged people not to use the memorial service to score political points.

About a dozen cabinet ministers left before they could address the crowd of more than 1,000 at the mine at Marikana, 70 kilometres northwest of Johannesburg.

Zuma had decreed a week of national mourning to honour all victims of violence in South Africa, which has one of the world's highest murder and rape rates.

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A mine worker addresses the community during a memorial service at the Lonmin Platinum Mine near Rustenburg, South Africa, on Thursday. THEMBA HADEBE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Shootings spotlight growing anger

Last week's shootings were the worst display of state violence since apartheid ended in 1994 and have thrown the spotlight on growing anger at South Africa's massive inequality, poverty and unemployment.

The violence unfolded as some 3,000 rock-drill operators demanded a minimum wage of 12,500 rand (\$1,560 US). The poorest 10 per cent of the population shares 1.1 billion rand while the country's richest 10 per cent has 381 billion, the Congress of South African Trade Unions said Thursday.

In a statement it claimed Lonmin's financial officer is paid 152 times as much as a rock-drill operator at the mine. It claimed the operators earn only 5,600 rand though researchers who work with miners say they make at least 10,000 rand. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Police stand in front of a building that houses an apartment-sharing community of alleged neo-Nazis in Dortmund, Germany, on Wednesday. SASCHA SCHUERMANN/DAPD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

German raids target suspected neo-Nazis

Report. The number of far-right extremists has grown to 9,800 from 9,500, according to the intelligence agency

computer hard drives and a wide variety of weapons, the region's top security official said.

The raids to collect evidence came after North Rhine-Westphalia state interior minister Ralf Jaeger banned three local neo-Nazi groups.

"These groups are anti-foreigner; they are racist and they are anti-Semitic," Jaeger said.

The crackdown in North Rhine-Westphalia comes amid a greater focus on the far right in Germany. That was sparked by the revelation last year that

a small group of neo-Nazis apparently managed to kill nine minorities and a police officer over a seven-year period while remaining off the radar.

The existence of the National Socialist Underground group only came to light last November, when two of its three core members were found dead in an apparent murder-suicide after a failed bank robbery.

The third alleged core member, Beate Zschaepe, is in custody pending trial.

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South Korea

Online naming law amended

South Korea's constitutional Court ruled Thursday that a law requiring online contributors to use their real names is unconstitutional because it undermines free speech. The law was introduced five years ago in the belief that using real names online would reduce libel, the spread of false rumours and abusive comments in one of the world's most wired countries. Critics also said the law helped contribute to identity theft.

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Overruled

Egypt president releases editor

Egypt's President Mohamed Morsi's intervened to release a newspaper editor jailed over accusations of slandering him on Thursday. The ban overrides a court decision ordering Islam Afifi to remain in jail pending trial. The court case caused uproar in Egypt among journalists and intellectuals. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



White House on the beach

Meredith Corson works on a sand sculpture replica of the White House on the beach behind the Bilmar Beach Resort on Thursday in Treasure Island, Fla. The Republican National Convention will be held in Tampa next week. JOE RAEDLE/GETTY IMAGES



Drought condition water levels have taken their toll on the wildlife at Anderson Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area near Astoria, Ill. According to the latest drought report released Thursday, nearly all of Illinois, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri are in extreme or exceptional drought. SETH PERLMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Drought deepens across Midwest

Report. Farmers tally losses as states reliant on agriculture receive extreme or exceptional drought classifications

On the day a new report suggested the nation's worst dry spell in at least a generation is deepening in America's breadbasket, Nebraska farmer Doug Nelson said Thursday he expects to harvest anywhere from nothing to 43 bushels per acre on his unirrigated acreage — a far cry from the 120 to 140 bushels he'd typically get.

On the irrigated land, he could see 150 to 200 bushels an acre; in previous years, Nelson would see a minimum of 180 bushels.

"But we'll have the combines going here in probably another month, and then we'll know for sure," said the 61-year-old Nelson, who farms some 5,000 acres near Wayne.

The U.S. Drought Monitor's weekly map showed that, as of Tuesday, just over two-thirds of Iowa, the nation's biggest corn producer, was in extreme or exceptional drought — the worst two classifications.

That's up more than 5 percentage points, to 67.5 per cent, from the previous week. Nearly all of Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and Illinois are in extreme or exceptional drought, with Illinois showing the most dramatic climb, spiking 17 percentage points in one week to 96.72 per cent, according to the map.

On Wednesday, the USDA

38 years

"For the most part, we haven't seen a hit like this since 1974, as far as my career goes."

Nebraska farmer Doug Nelson

added 33 counties from eight drought-stricken states to its list of natural disaster areas, bringing that tally to 1,821 counties in 35 states over the past six weeks. That's more than half of all U.S. counties.

Plains farmers have begun harvesting what corn managed to survive, although many growers cut their fields weeks ago, chalking the year up as a loss.

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Dominican Republic, Haiti brace for tropical storm

Tropical Storm Isaac took aim at the Dominican Republic and Haiti Thursday and it was expected to gain strength after drenching tiny islands in its whirl over the eastern entrance to the Caribbean.

There was a chance it could dump rain on next week's Republican convention in Florida.

No major damage was reported, but authorities in Puerto Rico said an elderly woman died in an accident while preparing for the storm.

U.S. forecasters said Isaac was likely to approach Hispaniola, the island shared by the Dominican Republic and Haiti,

U.S. jurisdiction

As the storm approached, military authorities at the U.S. base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, cancelled several days of pretrial hearings in the case of five prisoners charged in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

as a hurricane late Thursday or early Friday after intensifying over the warm waters of the Caribbean.

It was predicted to move on to Cuba as a tropical storm, then Monday perhaps head to

Florida, where the Republicans will be gathering to nominate Mitt Romney for the presidency.

At the bar of the Fort Young Hotel in Dominica's coastal capital of Roseau, a few tourists and locals drank cold beer and chatted over the sound of white-crested waves outside.

"The skies were very black and cloudy most of the day, but it's been pretty quiet so far. Some rain, very little wind," bartender Raymond Reynolds said Wednesday at the 71-room hotel on the jagged, densely forested island. "We've been through this before."

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StatsCan. Three children? Canadian families appear to be getting larger

When Jody Nickerson got married six years ago, she and her husband knew they wanted to have children and agreed on a magic number.

"We didn't want just one," says the Edmonton high school teacher, now a stay-at-home mom with three little girls.

"We just liked the three-kid family ... it's a good number."

Census figures from Statistics Canada released earlier this year show the number of Canadian children aged four and under jumped 11 per cent between 2006 and 2011. Although highest in the Prairies — particularly Alberta, with a 20 per cent spike — it marked the first time in 50 years that an increase was recorded in every province and territory.

Statistics Canada attributed the bump to a growing number of women aged 20 to 34 — the preferred age range for child-rearing — as a result of the children of baby boomers having kids of their own.

Still — what's with all the trifectas?

Nickerson and her hus-

Quoted

"When families can predict and plan and budget, and they're feeling safe and secure, they tend to have more children."

Nora Spinks, CEO the Vanier Institute of the Family in Ottawa

band, Rhett, a business manager, both come from three-children families. His sister has three children. So do some of their friends.

"But I don't see it as being this crazy fad or trend that everybody's having three kids," says Nickerson. "I just see it in different places."

Nickerson is quick to note that most parents in her west-end neighbourhood have the typical family of two children. But at the Royal Glenora Club, one of Edmonton's most elite private sports and social clubs, most people she knows have three kids. Some, she says, even have four.

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Buttering up Toronto's mayor

A butter sculpture of Toronto Mayor Rob Ford reading a Margaret Atwood book is on display at this year's Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto. The mayor and his brother, Doug, were once embroiled in a war of words with the CanLit legend over libraries in the city.

NIAMH SCALLAN/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Investigation

Hang-gliding death blamed on human error

Human error, not weather or faulty equipment, caused a woman to fall about 300 metres to her death during a hang-gliding trip in British Columbia's Fraser Valley this spring, says an investigation into the tragedy.

In its report into the April 28 accident that killed 27-year-old Lenami

Godinez-Avila, the Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association of Canada also noted multiple distractions may have resulted in a

breakdown of pre-launch procedures.

The report, released late Wednesday, didn't include statements from pilot William (Jon) Orders, who is facing an obstruction of justice charge for allegedly swallowing a memory card thought to be related to the incident. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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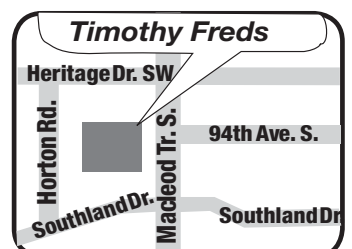
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Paralympic athletes sent home after accusations of sexual assault

London 2012. Three members of Jordanian squad will return for a hearing Oct. 18

Jordan pulled three squad members accused of sexual as-

sault in Northern Ireland out of the 2012 London Paralympics on Thursday, sports officials in Amman said.

The Jordanian Paralympic Committee said the three men — two Paralympic power-lifters and a trainer — will be flown home later on Thursday but that they will be returned to

court in Northern Ireland on Oct. 18 for their hearing.

The three were arrested on Monday northwest of Belfast before the start of the Paralympics, which begin Aug. 29. The men were released on bail Wednesday.

The committee said in a statement, "We have zero tol-

erance on any misconduct and will continue to work closely with the Northern Ireland authorities to assist in their investigation."

Police said a 14-year-old girl claimed that she posed for photographs with Omar Sami Qaradhi, 31, before he groped her between the legs in Antrim

on Aug. 18. The same day, a 16-year-old girl said she and a friend were walking near the sports centre when the men blocked their path. Police allege that one of the men pushed the girl towards Qaradhi, who wrapped his arm around her waist and tightened his grip before she ran away.

Qaradhi is facing three charges of sexual assault. He also is charged with one count of voyeurism after allegedly entering a women's changing room at the local sports centre.

The two other men were identified as Motaz Al Junaidi, 45, and trainer Faisal Ham-mash, 35. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Refuge from the chaos

A Syrian girl, who fled her home with her family due to fighting between the Syrian army and the rebels, sleeps by her family's belongings, while she and others take refuge at the Bab Al-Salameh border crossing, in hopes of entering one of the refugee camps in Turkey, Thursday. **MUHAMMED MUHEISEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Syria

Regime fights rebels for control of Damascus

Syrian troops backed by tanks and helicopters broke into a Damascus suburb on Thursday following two days of shelling and intense clashes as part of a widening offensive by President Bashar Assad's forces to seize control of parts of the capital and surrounding areas from rebel fighters, activists said.

At least 15 people were killed in the offensive on Daraya, only a few kilometres southwest of Damascus.

Across the country, at least 100 people died in shelling and clashes, according to the Britain-

based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and the Local Coordination Committees.

The bloodshed coincided with the departure from the Syrian capital of the last of the United Nations military observers after their mission failed. The mission was part of a six-point peace plan by outgoing envoy Kofi Annan.

As the country slides deeper into civil war, activist groups now routinely report the deaths of anywhere between 100 and 250 people on a daily basis, but it is virtually impossible to verify these figures.

Residents of Damascus said troops were bombing Daraya and nearby Moadamiyeh from the Qasioun mountain overlooking Damascus. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Hippo stuck in reserve's swimming pool

Driven out of herd.
Young Harry noticeably relaxed with no other hippos fighting it for dominance

A hefty hippo chased away from his herd at a South African game reserve has found a refreshing place to relax: the lodge's swimming pool. Now it's stuck there.

The young hippopotamus plopped into the pool on Tuesday at the Monate Conservation Lodge north of Johannesburg. The pool is big enough for the hippo to swim but it's eight feet deep with no steps, lodge manager Ruby Ferreira said Thursday.

A game capture team will sedate the hippo and lift it out of the pool with a crane, said Mulsabel Wentzel of South Africa's National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to

Giant problem

"There's no way he can come out."

Ruby Ferreira, lodge manager who says the pool is eight feet deep with no steps

Animals. Much of the water has already been drained to make the extraction easier. A veterinarian will be present during operation hippo extraction on Friday.

Wentzel said the four-year-old hippo's mother gave birth recently, and more dominant males forced him from the herd. The staff has been feeding the hippo but the water in the pool has been getting mucky with hippo poop.

The pool will be drained before the hippo is lifted out.

Because the hippo was chased away by his herd, it will be moved to another animal sanctuary, Ferreira said.

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Harry the hippo in the swimming pool at the Monate Conservation Lodge near Modimolle, South Africa, Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rats! New species gives rodents a-gnawing name

A unique species of near-toothless rat that lives off earthworms and doesn't chew or gnaw has been seen in Indonesia.

The shrew-like animal with a long, pointed snout was described online in this week's British journal Biology Letters. Pseudomys vermidax, which translates loosely to "few-toothed rat" and "worm eater," is the only rodent out of more than 2,200 known species that does not have molars and instead has bicuspid upper incisors, it said.

Two rats were found in the mountainous rain forest of southern Sulawesi Island.

Since it lacks cheek teeth, the rat sucks in earthworms and slices them with its incisors before spitting out the pieces and then slurping



Pseudomys vermidax. MUSEUM VICTORIA-KEVIN ROWE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

bites down whole, co-author Anang Achmadi from Indonesia's Museum Zoologicum Bogoriense said Thursday.

The researchers said the discovery is important because it shows how rodents, which are known for biting and chewing, were forced to evolve to survive in Sulawesi's environment.

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Slow commute in the rain

An Indian mahout covers himself with a plastic sheet to protect him from the monsoon rain as he guides his elephant on a highway near Bagodara in Gujarat state, India, Thursday. The monsoon rains which usually hit India from June to September are crucial for farmers whose crops feed hundreds of millions of people. The rains are below average this year. AJIT SOLANKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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All points North for Google Street View

Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his wife Laureen talk with Google Street View team member Mike Pegg in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut, on Thursday. As Harper's northern tour touched down in Nunavut, a team from the search-engine giant was already on the ground. They're working with residents of Cambridge Bay to add elements of their community to Google maps while also fixing past mistakes. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Carriers get look at new BlackBerry

Some wireless carriers finally got a glimpse of the new BlackBerry smartphones this week, as part of Research In Motion's global effort to drum up enthusiasm for the devices. RIM executives met with carriers in Canada, Mexico and the U.S. to unveil early versions of the new BlackBerrys.

The company hopes the meetings will lead to firm commitments from the providers as it promotes the new product over the coming months. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Windows 8 coming

Microsoft unveils revamped logo

Microsoft's corporate logo has a new look, setting the stage for a wave of products designed to cast the world's largest software maker in a new light.

The makeover unveiled Thursday marks the first time that Microsoft has revamped its logo since February 1987.

Microsoft believes a radical change to Windows, due to hit the market Oct. 26, will ensure that the company survives the modern era's constant technological upheaval. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Facebook launches new mobile app

Version 2.0. No integration of Instagram yet, but latest update for smartphones and tablets focuses on being speedier



A screenshot from Facebook shows its new mobile app, which launched Thursday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

On Thursday, Facebook addressed users who had gripes with its app for iPhones and iPads with the launch of a faster version. Rather than add a slew of new features, the company said it rebuilt the application from scratch to make it speedier and less clunky.

In a recent demonstration at the company's headquarters, the new iPhone app opened about twice as fast as the older version. Photos and comments also load faster. Users can now "like" comments on photos, which wasn't possible with the previous mobile app.

Mick Johnson, mobile product manager at Facebook, said programmers removed some lesser-used features, such as a way to view

the app horizontally, to help speed it up.

The mobile arena presents Facebook with its biggest challenge — and its biggest opportunity. That's where its user base is growing the most.

The iPad version of the new app now features Timeline, the latest version of the profile page that Facebook is rolling out to all of its users.

The app is available for free from Apple's App Store. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Housing. Parents helping kids buy homes: Economist

A downturn in the housing market may not be as bad as feared because the important 25-to-34 age group will continue to buy houses — some with help from their well-off parents, says a senior economist at CIBC World Markets.

While young people may have to postpone buying a house for a few years due to their student-debt level, their parents can help them out, Benjamin Tal, deputy chief economist at CIBC World Markets, said on Thursday.

"This is actually the first generation that the parents are better off than the kids

and those parents will write a nice cheque," Tal said. "The student-debt level is not significant enough to really kill the housing market."

Young people also have the option of living with their parents while paying down their debt and saving for a down payment, he said.

Tal said once they move out, the younger generation will be "extremely dynamic" in terms of self-employment and being employable, which will help them buy houses.

"They will be employable, they will work and they will make money."

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THE LIST
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It's time for the Metro List, our weekly guide to what's making waves around the water cooler.

1

Dirty Harry. Harry keeps the flame burning with a new sport that, for some

reason, wasn't included in the London Games: strip billiards. There's the good Prince William and then there's the bad Prince Harry. Hands up, who do you prefer?

2

Dirty bedside read. In other naughty U.K. news, a hotel in the Lake District replaced the Good Book with the Very Bad Book — 50 Shades of Grey — in its bedside tables. The hotel manager was denounced from local pulpits, but refused to back down. "The Gideon Bible is full of references to sex and violence, although it's written using more formal language, so James' book is easier to read," he said. That's E.L. James, not King James.

3

Chavril? AvChad? Chad Kroeger of Nickelback is engaged to Avril Lavigne of Sk8er Boi. Stands with the other great romances of the recent era: Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley; Nicholas Cage and Lisa Marie Presley. We can only assume Chad has yet to meet Lisa Marie Presley.

4

Pussy Riot. OK, this is a family newspaper. Of course these brazen young women should get two years hard time for singing a song in church while wearing funny outfits. Their very name is an assault on the ears of innocents like Vladimir Putin.

5

Speaking of assault. Some advice to Missouri Senate candidate Todd Akin: Dr. Oz is the only guy on Earth who gets to talk about the female reproductive system on TV, and that's only because he's been blessed by Oprah. And never, ever use the words "legitimate" and "rape" in the same time zone, never mind next to each other in the same sentence.

6

National park. Let's change the subject. We have a new national park, our 44th. Up north somewhere, it's called Nááts'íhch'oh National Park Reserve, causing the editors at Canadian Press Caps and Spelling to apply for stress leave. Environmentalists are complaining that it's too small, only 4,840 square kilometres, which is about three times the size of Yoho but two-thirds the size of Banff. Just go to Yellowknife, then turn left, go another 680 kilometres and you're there. Lots of grizzly bears, but no golf course. Yet.

7

Speaking of up north somewhere. The Google Street View tricycle is tooling around Cambridge Bay, population 1,477, way up there in Nunavut, a mere 1,770 kilometres from the North Pole as the Snowy Owl flies. Google is now officially everywhere.

8

The cult of Jack Layton. It's been a year since the untimely death of the former NDP leader, but his legend grows, as vigils across the land mourn his loss and celebrate the memory of the man who failed to get elected prime minister four times in a row. Eat your heart out, Stephen Harper.

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Prince Harry is seen — clothed — in this photo taken at the 2012 Summer Olympics, prior to his debauchery in Las Vegas.
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Come on, baby, light my kitchen



JANNE PARVIAINEN/REX FEATURES

Light topography

Cooking up a lightstorm

This stunning image captures a kitchen like no other, illuminated using a novel technique known as light topography.

To achieve the science-fiction effect, Finnish artist Janne Parvianen traces surfaces with LED lights and exposes the shots for 30 minutes. There is no Photoshop or image editing.

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Meet the artist



"Art is the key to your emotions."

Janne Parvianen, artist and teacher
Despite the futuristic visuals, this old-fashioned message is how Parvianen describes his philosophy.

Q&A with Parvianen

- **What is most difficult about this technique?**
It is quite challenging to draw into three dimensional space, so it takes a lot of planning and training. It is usually through trial and error that I find the right positions and the figures for the final photo.
- **What emotions do the images inspire?** I'm trying to put as much

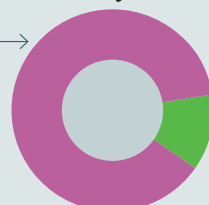
soul in my photos as possible. My main interest has always been human emotions and trying to express them through art. I really like to use strong visual elements in my photos such as skeletons and people laying on the ground to create images that make you wonder what is really happening in them. A skeleton can be happy or sad, it doesn't always have to be seen as a grim image.



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@JulieSupple:

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line #yyc on foot great! Following smelly garbage truck no so great #rapidroutechange

@jamesdthomson1:

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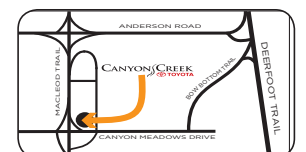
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Joseph Gordon-Levitt is the most extreme bike courier in Manhattan in *Premium Rush*. HANDOUT

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Rush is the only thing premium in this film

Fun ride. Joseph Gordon-Levitt-led thriller is full of style and action, but lacks any kind of substance

Richard: Mark, *Premium Rush* is like a BMX race with a plot-line. Bikes dart in and out of traffic, defy the laws of gravity and spin on one wheel, which is all cool, except that it overshadows the characters. Only Michael Shannon as the out-of-control cop is memorable enough to rise above the bike stunts and skinned elbows.

Mark: In the interests of full disclosure Richard, I cannot ride a bike. In fact, they scare me. So I was unusually

riveted by the action sequences in this film. Which definitely eclipsed the characters! I don't know how I felt about Michael Shannon. He had a presence for sure, but he was also kind of cartoonish which stopped me from taking the movie seriously as a thriller.

RC: I don't think it is meant to be taken seriously as a thriller. Any cop who would say, "I forgot to bring my bullets. I'll meet you there," to his cop buddies isn't trying to be Detective Sergeant Joe Friday. He's a wild, bug-eyed caricature of a man on the edge and the second most entertaining thing in the flick (next to the bikes). What did you think of Gordon-Levitt?

MB: Not an actors' movie but he can clearly carry off a leading man role. What I really

liked about the movie was its style. The maps, time code, miniatures of Manhattan, and the fractured time narrative all kept me engaged with the limited storyline. Gordon-Levitt's character is called Wiley, as in Wile. E. Coyote, and the movie does have a Roadrunner simplicity. I thought all the gimmicks and stylistic quirks opened it up nicely.

RC: In the beginning I feared that the GPS maps that pop up from time to time might be too much style over substance, and in a way I was right. There isn't much substance here, but it is a fun ride.

MB: What I really didn't buy was the pointless love triangle among the bike couriers, which was a waste of celluloid. But when you say "fun

Synopsis

Of all the bicycle courier misfits who patrol the streets of Manhattan, Wylie (Joseph Gordon-Levitt) is the most extreme. Stripped of gears and brakes, his bike is a missile charging through the streets of New York, delivering "that thing to that place, fast." A routine pick-up and drop-off turns dangerous when a crooked cop (Michael Shannon) decides he needs what Wylie is carrying more than its intended recipient.

• Richard: ●●●●●

• Mark: ●●●●●

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Cinematic battle. Keanu Reeves documents the digital vs. film debate



Keanu Reeves managed to get the notoriously media-shy Wachowskis (creators of the Matrix) to speak in his documentary *Side by Side*. GETTY IMAGES

The past two decades have seen rapid advancements in digital filmmaking, leading some to worry that good old fashioned film is on its last legs. It's a subject of particular interest to actor Keanu Reeves, who turns documentarian with director Chris Kenneally to see where technology might be taking Hollywood in *Side by Side*. In it, he sits down with a dizzying list of filmmakers — including James Cameron, David Fincher, Martin Scorsese and Christopher Nolan — to see how the different medias measure up.

Side by Side goes to great lengths to not only educate its audience on the particulars of film technology over the decades but also to let both sides of the film vs. digital debate have their say. Wally Pfister — Nolan's go-to cinematographer, who is also working on his first film as a director — is firmly on the film side with Nolan, even going so far in *Side by Side* as to describe himself as "anti-technology." Reeves acknowledges this stance might be a bit ex-

treme, since all filmmaking utilizes some sort of technology. "Filmmaking was such an industrial revolution era tool, right? I guess he's demonizing the technology as other because it's new and coming in and it's not quite the technology that he's using anymore, right?" Reeves admits. "Yeah, I guess it is arbitrary in that sense. It's like an emotional, arbitrary comment."

In the documentary, Reeves gets a lot of folks more comfortable behind the camera to sit down in front of it, and his most impressive "get" of the film might be the Wachowskis, who directed Reeves in the Matrix movies and have become even more media-shy since Lana Wachowski underwent gender reassignment surgery. "The idea that they knew me and the idea of the subject matter helped in terms of wanting to speak on camera," Reeves says.

"One of the responses was, 'For you. Only for you.'"

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Jessica Biel gets all twisted up in new film

The Tall Man. Actress took a beating filming movie that's full of plot surprises

NED EHRBAR

Metro World News in Hollywood

Jessica Biel likes a good surprise, which is why she can't really talk too much about her latest film, *The Tall Man*. The shock-filled movie, which screened this summer at the Fantasia International Film Festival in Montreal, is about a small mining town where the mysterious figure of the title has been abducting children for years — or at least that's what it starts out being about. And to hear Biel tell it, she really put herself through the ringer on this one. Just ask her chiropractor.

With a movie this twist-filled, how do you market it or promote it?

I don't know how you market it. You can't market it as a horror film because it's not. You can market it as a thriller, but then it kind of changes into a drama. It's still a thriller. It's definitely tense and creepy. It's so hard to talk about it. I just try not to say anything specific (laughs).

Is that twisty nature part of what drew you to the project?

Yeah. Because as I was reading the script, I didn't know what



Jessica Biel stars in *The Tall Man*. GETTY IMAGES

was happening at all. I literally couldn't guess. It just kept surprising me, page after page after page. ... It's a lot of twists.

It didn't look like the most comfortable shoot.

No, that's for sure. It was intense. It was probably one of the hardest things I've ever done. It was just full-on, every day being pushed by (director) Pascal (Laugier) to a point of no return where I literally was like, "I can't do anymore," and he was like, "Do more. Go. More, more, more" until I exploded with... I don't know. It was intense, but it was the only way to do it.

This is by no means a glamorous role.

No, not at all. I somehow seem to enjoy doing these kinds of things every 10 years. It's really masochistic, I think. Like whipping, beating, I don't know what that is. I think it's just the thrill of the fear. And it's the violence in cinema, which is safe, because it's not actually happening — but you're testing the waters of it and you're putting yourself in that position, getting the s--- kicked out of you and putting your emotional system in that place but knowing that it's fine. There's something that I find really intriguing about that.

That sounds exhausting. At least it's once every 10 years and not every role.

Oh my God, I think I'd have a heart attack. After I did this movie, I went to see my chiropractor. I was like, "I'm having a hard time breathing." And he dug his fingers into my diaphragm — because my diaphragm was jammed up into my ribs because I'd spent two months (hyperventilating) and limping around. And my back was weird, my posture was off, my teeth started to ache because my hips were off because I was limping for two months. It was crazy. I would literally have a heart attack if I did that every year.

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Lawless opens next Wednesday. HANDOUT

Sixties soundtrack goes down well with prohibition trader tale

Lawless. Musician and screenwriter Nick Cave uses the 'boxy' sounds of The Velvet Underground to set the tone in latest film

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

While his main vocation is still music, Nick Cave admits he's more than happy to write a screenplay whenever director John Hillcoat asks him to. The latest request from Hillcoat? Adapting Matt Bondurant's book *The Wettest County in the World*, about Bondurant's grandfather and great-uncles running a thriving moonshining operation during Prohibition. Cave also got to take a crack at the music for the film — as he's often done for Hillcoat, most recently for 2009's

the Road. For Lawless, he found some unusual inspiration in the Velvet Underground.

How did you feel about changing the title from the *Wettest County in the World* to *Lawless*?

Matt's title — this is what I'm told — didn't translate into other countries. Look, I didn't have anything to do with that. It was a decision that was made closer to when it came out. There's been various reasons why. Foreign territories couldn't translate it effectively, so the film would then have a bunch of different names, and that was not good for the film. I've heard that it sounded like a porn film, the *Wettest County*. But at the end of the day, I think probably the *Wettest County in the World* was just too lyrical to drag in the youth market. I would say it was simply a marketing thing.

Where did the idea come from to include period

versions of more modern songs, like with the Velvet Underground?

I'm not really sure. Initially we were looking at songs of the time, obviously. But I just personally felt that had been done a lot and had been done really well, like *O Brother Where Art Thou*. I didn't want to be chasing that kind of thing. So the time started to shift a little bit — maybe we take some from a little later. And then, f--- it, let's take something from way over there and see what that's like, and then kind of replay it in a sort of attempt to capture that kind of spirit of that time. But you know, something like *White Light, White Heat* already sounds very much fitted to the time anyway on some level — there's a sort of boxiness to the way it's recorded. I think that was the first one, and once we had that we went, "OK, that's what we're doing."

Action/Comedy



Hit & Run

Director. David Palmer, Dax Shepard

Stars. Dax Shepard, Kristen Bell, Bradley Cooper

Dax Shepard stars as an ex-getaway driver who leaves behind the safety of witness protection to accompany his girlfriend (Kristen Bell) on a job interview to Los Angeles. Unfortunately as he hits the road so does his former partner in crime (Bradley Cooper). Shepard and Bell are a couple in real-life and the chemistry between them shows. When it's just the two of them on screen *Hit and Run* has the makings of a fun romantic action adventure. Unfortunately the movie is also populated by peripheral characters with the combined charm of a slap (stick) to the face.

RICHARD CROUSE

Comedy



Turn me on, Dammit!

Director. Jannicke Systad Jacobsen

Stars. Helene Bergsholm, Malin Bjørhovde and Henriette Steenstrup

Fifteen-year-old Alma (Bergsholm) lives with her mother in rural Norway, where everything is "stupid" and her only fun is solo sex and the porn magazines at the store where she's working to pay off a hefty phone-sex bill. Her mother's at her wits' end and Alma's a social outcast after a humiliating incident; only the phone-sex guy understands her. This sly festival-circuit award-winner is disarmingly sweet.

ANNE BRODIE

Quoted

"I guess as unique as he is, he's still someone who is so prolific and does so much — so obviously he's very aware of what he's doing. So it may come off as spontaneous and fun and silly or something. He's one of the great comedians working today, so he's

aware of what's funny and what he does that's funny. Nothing's really accidental. You can't really sustain accidents for a long time."



Jesse Eisenberg on working with his *Why Stop Now* co-star Tracy Morgan.

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One is the loneliest number and three's a crowd. But a dynamic duo is a match made in heaven, especially when it's found on a TV show. From the crop of new fall series, here are a few fun couples you'll enjoy pairing up with.

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Catherine "Cat" Chandler and Dr. Vincent Keller (*Beauty and the Beast*)

Unbeknownst to her, he saved her life years ago. Now Keller, in hiding and long presumed dead, tries to find an antidote to his distressing condition: When he gets riled, he turns beastly. But Cat (Kristin Kreuk), now a homicide detective, isn't sweating those details. She admires how Keller (Jay Ryan) likes to help people out. Plus he's hot. Nothing tame about her feelings for him!



Gavin and Olivia (*666 Park Avenue*)

Gavin Doran is the courtly owner of a grand apartment house in Manhattan. Olivia is his elegant wife. You would be thrilled to be a tenant in their building — that is, if you can overlook a certain devilish streak they share. Played with deft creepiness by Terry O'Quinn and Vanessa Williams, Gavin and Olivia are just the sort of landlords to lock you into a lease you'll never ever be able to break.

5 TV couples



Jack and his dad Tony (*Family Tools*)

Jack Shea is a habitual bungler who, well into adulthood, still hopes to rise above his failures and make his father proud. Now Tony (played by J.K. Simmons) is retiring from his family business, Mr. Jiffy Fix, with no one but his son (Kyle Bornheimer) to take up the reins. Under Tony's jaundiced eye, can Jack change his ways and keep the company going, or will he put Mr. Jiffy Fix in a hopeless fix?



Dr. George Coleman and his simian sidekick Dr. Rizzo (*Animal Practice*)

Dr. Coleman has a veterinary clinic, and good thing: he much prefers animals to people. How lucky, then, that his closest companion and "medical assistant" is an anthropomorphically motivated monkey. Justin Kirk stars as Dr. Coleman, while Crystal seems born to the role as Coleman's second banana.



Bryan and David (*The New Normal*)

As a committed couple, they see eye-to-eye on many things. Like, how "abnormal" families have become the new normal. Consider a certain African-American "who was raised by a grandma — and that person seems to be doing just fine," says Bryan. "Barack Obama," David chimes in. "No," Bryan corrects him. "Mariah Carey. But YOUR example works, too." As played by Andrew Rannells and Justin Bartha, Bryan and David navigate the show's loopiness (and their impending parenthood) while leaving no doubt they adore each other.

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Hosts of the HGTV series *Live Here, Buy This*. HANDOUT

Ever wonder what life could be like elsewhere?

TV. Travel-hungry Canucks explore international house swaps in *Live Here, Buy This*

Anyone who's ever dreamt of pulling up stakes and moving halfway across the globe should be able to relate to the wannabe expats in the new HGTV series *Live Here, Buy This*.

These travel-hungry Canucks have grand ideas of making their favourite vacation getaway their family's permanent home-sweet-home and why wouldn't they? Most of the fantasy digs just happen to be in sunny, tropical paradises or culture-rich, centuries-old hamlets.

Of course, actually pursuing such a dream is another matter entirely. And so this show takes a closer look at what a Canadian homeowner could get if they sold their home and bought a comparably priced abode elsewhere.

"The show is really about presenting options

to the homeowners," says Dave Lapsley, one of three Canadian-based hosts who criss-cross the globe to profile far-flung properties.

"Some (foreign) homes, simple homes, were similar to what the homeowners have here ... and then there were other ones (that) were like small castles in Italy or huts right on the beach. There was a treehouse home in Costa Rica. The array of homes was vast."

Each episode of *Live Here, Buy This* profiles a Canadian family musing on what life could be like elsewhere. They pick three dream locations and are presented with two homes in each locale considered equal in value to their current place.

Needless to say, where you could end up and the features you get vary widely depending on where you start and where you want to be.

There seemed to be a lot of bang for your buck in rural Italy. Trading a modest \$140,000 cottage in Barrie, Ont., can apparently get one family a slightly larger stone country home surrounded by

Quote

"When you go on vacation and you have the greatest time of your life, you go, 'Oh my God, wouldn't it be great if we could live here?' This is just taking that fantasy one step further."

Producer Danielle Kiraly

olive groves.

But searching for a pad in Croatia proves surprisingly difficult for a Toronto family of four with a \$575,000 budget. Their wish list gets them an 84 square metre (900 sq. ft.), two-bedroom apartment in the heart of the charming coastal town of Rovinj.

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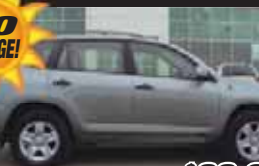


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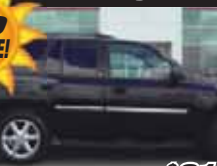


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BBC 'really confident' in new series Copper

Television. Featuring Canadian actor Kyle Schmid, the period piece takes viewers to famed Five Points neighbourhood of New York

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Something they don't tell Canadian actors who move down South is that despite living in Los Angeles, you'll be spending a lot of time North of the border.

Originally from Mississauga, Ont., Kyle Schmid has lived in the Golden State for the last eight years, but his work has landed him significant stints in Vancouver, Montreal — where he worked on the North

American version of Being Human — and now Toronto, home base of production for Copper, which premieres this Sunday on Showcase.

"It's the show I'm most proud of," he says. "I can share it with my family and friends and have them come on set and share the same energy I feel."

Created by Oz and St. Elsewhere writer Tom Fontana and executive pro-

duced by Diner director Barry Levinson, the series is the first foray into scripted drama for BBC America, where it airs in the States. There is no precedent at the network, Schmid says.

"But BBC is really confident with the show. You do get that feeling on set."

Set in the famed Five Points region of New York in the aftermath of the civil war, the program follows

Irish police officer Kevin Corcoran whose wife and child have disappeared.

"I love period pieces because of the history and the wardrobe and the characters and the change in the moral and ethic values," he says.

"It's rare (in TV) that you get to do something gritty and grimy."

Schmid originally auditioned to play Corcoran, but the part eventually went to Tom Weston-Jones.

He was brought back to read for the part of Corcoran's friend, Robert Morehouse, the son of a wealthy industrialist.

After several readings he found himself rehearsing with other actors.

"I'm in the room and I think I'm testing for this part. The BBC producers are

in there," Schmid recalls. He asked if there was anything they needed him to do.

"They said, 'No, no, no. You got the part. Nobody told you?'"

Schmid describes Morehouse as a character in flux.

"It was an era of opportunity," he says. "And Morehouse has money, power, women booze and drugs to exploit. With that comes a very layered character."

It's a dream role for Schmid, who loves playing complex parts, but has yet to hit a point in his career where he has the luxury of picking and choosing parts.

"The layers in the personality, the cracks in their walls — human qualities that make people and situations interesting are always the best characters to play."

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New faces on Top Model

America's Next Top Model gets a facelift with Friday's season 19 (yes, 19!) debut. The first big change is seen in the new personalities: former boxer and male supermodel Rob Evans, fashion blogger Bryanboy, famed stylist Johnny Wujek, and dancer and choreographer Jonte.

They replace former longtime series stars Nigel Barker, J. Alexander and Toronto-raised Jay Manuel. This season also features the show's first-ever College Edition. (CW).

Investigative journalism at its finest

Going from the inane to the intellectual, we find new episodes of investigative journalism series 20/20 (ABC, CHCH) and Dateline NBC (NBC, CTV Two) airing Friday. There's also an encore airing of the CBC Marketplace episode Superbug in the Supermarket, in which journalists test 100 samples of chicken from across Canada for harmful germs.

Learn about the World's greatest Rock 'n' Roll band

The Rolling Stones may have turned down the opportunity to perform at the recent Olympics closing ceremony, as the Guardian newspaper recently reported, but you can catch them Saturday on a biography about the group. The Rolling Stones: Truth and Lies also features interviews with critics and fans. (AUX TV).

Films of all genres on deck

The popcorn maker will be in overdrive Saturday with several choice film offerings.

Among them is Super Size Me, in which maverick filmmaker Morgan Spurlock eats only McDonald's food for 30 days (CBC NN).

For action, click to the Steven Spielberg/Tom Cruise double bill of War of the Worlds and Minority Report (Action).

In the comedy vein, there's Princess Bride (BITE TV). And for drama, head to The Girl Who Played With Fire (Bravo) or the Canadian Joshua Jackson road trip One Week (CBC).

Poking fun at The Donald

The Roast of Donald Trump is an encore airing on Sunday, but one worth watching again. Celebrities roasters include Larry King, Marlee Matlin, rapper Snoop Dogg, and Jersey Shore's Mike (The Situation) Sorrentino (Comedy).

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Riding Night Train to success

Country music. Jason Aldean explains the reason he chose the title for his next major album release

When Jason Aldean names an album, he looks for a title that fits his life at the moment.

He thinks *Night Train*, his choice for his much anticipated fifth album, paints the perfect picture.

"It's one of those things where we went from one bus pulling a trailer to all the sudden we've got six or seven buses and eight or nine trucks," Aldean said. "We're all rolling down the interstate together at night, and that's what it looks like. It looks like a big freight train rolling

down the interstate. It just kind of to me sums up how far things have come over the last few years."

Aldean spoke about the new album, out Oct. 16 on Broken Bow Records, just days after playing his first stadium show, the next step on his way to country superstar status. He's sold 1.9 million concert tickets this year and his last album, the multi-platinum *My Kinda Party*.

produced five hit singles, won the Country Music Association's Album of the Year award and has remained in Billboard's country top 10 for 92 weeks.

Night Train appears set to follow right down the tracks. Take a Little Ride, the first single from the album, set a record for first-week digital downloads by a male country solo artist.

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Jason Aldean's next album, *Night Train*, will be released on Oct. 16
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Weekend tunes to take you back through time



SOUND CHECK
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Last Friday, the compact disc turned 30 years old. That got me thinking about the three superbly produced songs I used to demonstrate my new CD player to friends back in the day. If you're buying speakers, test them with these discs.



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Hip-hop stars start to hit pause on homophobia in rap as gay rights rise

Frank Ocean. His recent revelation has many asking the question: when will a gay rapper emerge and be accepted?

Snoop Dogg has rapped in songs where gay slurs have been tossed about.

He's even said them, part of a long list of rappers who have freely used the f-word — the other f-word — in rhyme.

For years, anti-gay epithets and sentiments in rap have largely been accepted, along with its frequent misogyny and violence, as part of the hip-hop culture — a culture that has been slow to change, even as gay people enjoy more mainstream acceptance, particularly in entertainment.

But while perhaps glacial, a shift appears to be on the horizon.

"People are learning how to live and get along more, and



Elton John, left, and Eminem appear together after performing a duet near the end of the 43rd annual Grammy Awards in 2001. FILE PHOTO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

accept people for who they are and not bash them or hurt them because they're different," Snoop Dogg said in a re-

cent interview.

Frank Ocean may be largely responsible for that. The rising star, who revealed on his

blog last month that his first love was a man, is technically an R&B singer. But he has produced and collaborated with

Ocean

GLAAD not mad.

- **Quote.** "(The support for Frank is) an extension of the overall kind of support we're seeing across the country for LGBT people, and not just in a broad sense, but specifically from iconic members of the black community," said Daryl Hannah, GLAAD's director of media and community partnerships, who added Jay-Z as those leading the change.

some of music's top hip-hop acts, from Jay-Z to Andre 3000 to Kanye West to Nas. He's also co-written songs for Beyoncé, Justin Bieber and John Legend, and is a member of the alternative rap group Odd Future.

"When I was growing up, you could never do that and announce that," Snoop said of Ocean's revelation. "There

would be so much scrutiny and hate and negativity, and no one would step (forward) to support you because that's what we were brainwashed and trained to know."

Some of hip-hop's key figures have given some kind of support to the gay community. Pharrell Williams recently collaborated with the openly gay pop singer Mika on the song Celebrate.

Jay-Z, like Eminem, has said people of the same sex should be able to love one another. Eminem performed with Elton John at the 2001 Grammy Awards at the height of GLAAD's (Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation) criticism.

Darryl D.M.C. McDaniels of the iconic rap group Run D.M.C. is skeptical about some of hip-hop's recent support of Ocean, since he believes homophobia is still rampant in the culture. Still, he is sure a homosexual hip-hop act will emerge.

"Of course there's going to be a gay rapper."

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Prince Harry

Prince in hot water at home over photo scandal

In the wake of his nude Las Vegas photo scandal, Prince Harry has been summoned home, heading to Balmoral Castle in Scotland to get a talking-to from Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip as well as his dad, Prince Charles, according to Us Weekly.

A source tells the magazine that the royal bachelor — and third in line for the British crown — will “have to face up to family” for

the outrageous behaviour. And his personal security will have to answer some questions as well — like how the photos could have been taken, let alone leaked. But Harry’s guards needn’t be too worried. “Of course questions will be asked, and matters raised, but no one’s job is on the line,” the source says. “As protection officers, their job is to intervene when his life is at risk, not to protect his image.”

Gold medal challenge

The London games may be over, but Prince Harry isn’t letting Team USA get away with the swimming gold that easily. The royal challenged Ryan Lochte during the American swimming champion’s 28th birthday party Monday at a Las Vegas pool. Las Vegas

Sun columnist Robin Leach reports the prince stripped down to his jeans and gestured for others to clear the way for the contest at the XS nightclub pool at the Wynn resort. As predicted, the 11-time Olympic medalist won.

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Like mother like daughter

It looks like Angelina Jolie is OK with her kids getting in on the act, as one of her children — 4-year-old daughter Vivienne — will get some screen time with mom. “Angelina Jolie’s daughter Vivienne will play a minor role as the child version of Princess Aurora opposite her mother in Maleficent,” a statement from Walt Disney Studios confirms. Elle Fanning will play the older version of the



Angelina Jolie

princess, better known as Sleeping Beauty.

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Tax lessons with Beanie Sigel

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On September 12, Beanie Sigel is due to report to prison for a two-year stay for tax evasion.

But although the Philly rapper pleaded guilty to failing to pay around \$350,000 on unreported income, he’s not going quietly.

In fact, Sigel has a perfectly good explanation for not filing between 2003-2005: “The years that they charged me for failure to file taxes is years that I was incarcerated,” he tells MTV

of his stint for weapons and drug charges. “When you’re incarcerated in a federal facility, you’re not allowed to conduct any business at all.”

That’s a little like being late for work because your bartender was moving slow. But sure — we’ve been there. The thing is, Sigel doesn’t really intend to pay up no matter where he’s living.

“You shouldn’t be able to tax income,” he says. “If I fix your roof and you wanna pay me in 20 pounds of bananas, do you think Uncle Sam wants 45 per cent of my bananas? But because you’re paying me \$400,000 in currency he wants a part of that.”

Beanie, whenever you make it out of prison, we fear you and your non-logic have a career in politics.



Reese Witherspoon

Source says hospital visit a ‘normal thing’ for Reese

All is well after a surprise visit to the hospital this week by Reese Witherspoon had friends worried she might be having her baby earlier than expected, according to the Daily Mail. “The visit is a normal thing for a lot of pregnant women and this is no drama,” a source tells the newspaper. “All parties involved are healthy and fine.”

But that’s not how things looked a day ago, when sources told Radar Online, “Reese was actually taken to the hospital on Tuesday night with complications. She was released that night and then rushed back to the hospital (Wednesday). At this point it looks like she might have the baby.” The baby is due in early September.

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@MissKellyO

had to leave the pool because the old pervert was there today he told me he likes watching me sunbathe because i remind him of Betty Grable



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Can I be frank? When it comes to comfort food, I love a good wiener. It doesn't have to be all fancy pants with crazy toppings and snazzy dogs between my buns. I'm cool with a splash of mustard over something prepackaged.

I'm in the minority. Hot dog aficionados are making

the common into an explosion of sophisticated flavours by turning dogs into delicacies.

Funky toppings and theme-oriented creations are turning the lowly supermarket sausage into the star of a gourmet revolution worthy of its own show on The Food Network.

Question is: What do you

drink with that? With such a wide variety of interpretations reach for something light, clean and refreshing: beer.

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But just because they are overflowing and messy doesn't mean they shouldn't have a plan. Draw inspiration from other dishes when planning the toppings for a hot dog. Here are some suggestions. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

The Greek Dog

It's inspired by feta cheese and spinach that are in spanakopita.

Thaw 1 cup of frozen shredded spinach; squeeze it over sink to remove water. In skillet over medium-high, heat splash of olive oil. Sauté spinach, diced medium onion and 2 minced cloves of garlic. When onion tender, season with salt, pepper and dill seed. Grill 4 hot dogs and toast 4 hot dog buns over medium heat. Spoon spinach mix into each bun, then place a hot dog over it. Top with feta cheese and tzatziki.



The Pizza Dog

The only way to make meat-wrapped meat better is to add melted mozzarella cheese.

Using 2 slices of prosciutto per hot dog, wrap 4 hot dogs tightly in prosciutto. Grill the hot dogs over low heat, turning regularly, until the prosciutto is crisp and lightly browned, about

8 minutes. Meanwhile, fill 4 hot dog buns with bocconcini (small balls of fresh mozzarella). Toast the buns on the grill (bun opening facing up) until the cheese is warm and starting to melt. Place a hot dog in each bun, then top with oil-packed chopped sun-dried tomatoes and chopped fresh basil.

The Taco Dog

Soft and crunchy and spicy and creamy — exactly the way a taco should be.

Spoon refried beans into 4 hot dog buns. Lightly crumble about 12 tortilla chips, then sprinkle some over the refried beans in each bun. Grill 4 hot dogs over low heat. Toast the

prepared buns (bun openings facing up) until the beans are heated. Place a hot dog in each bun, then top with sliced jalapeno peppers, tomato salsa, sliced black olives and shredded cheddar cheese.

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Tony Benett
AUGUST 24

The sounds of this soulful crooner will be filling The Jubilee this weekend. He is one of a handful of artists to introduce a multitude of songs into the Great American Songbook that have since become standards for pop music. Be swept away to an era gone by as you listen to him belt out one hit after another.


Expo Latino
AUGUST 24 - 26

Western Canada's largest Latin festival will be taking place over the weekend at Prince's Island Park. The stage will be sizzling with world-class performances of music and dance. Take a spin on the dance floor, taste exotic foods, and shop at the Art Market. Experience Latin culture through discovery, learning, and celebrating the people, music and food that makes it so great.


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Calgary Expo**
AUGUST 25 & 26

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Spotlighting a 'different Mexico'

Television. Chef Chuck Hughes hopes to show a lesser-known side of the country and its cuisine with new series

Montreal star chef Chuck Hughes says he hopes to open Canadian eyes to "a different Mexico" with his new television series.

Chuck's Week Off, debuting Aug. 28 on Food Network Canada, saw him venturing on and off the beaten path for two months in Mexico, trying everything from hiking to diving to lassoing with locals.

Of course, he also helped make authentic Mexican meals along the way, including home-made ranchero cheese, beef jerky, chocolate clams, and head tacos (complete with eyes, brain, tongue and cheek).

Hughes says despite recent headlines surrounding violent attacks on Canadians in Mexico, and a travel warning from Ottawa urging Canucks to exercise "extreme caution" in certain areas, he never felt unsafe during his stay last summer.

"There's probably 5,000 people that give a country of 120 million a bad rap," he said. "I travelled for two months everywhere. I literally went everywhere, not once did I feel threatened, not once did I feel scared. People were more scared of me, if anything. They were like, 'Who is that

tall white guy with all the tattoos?"

Hughes was particularly taken with Mexico City, where he stayed in the French-influenced Condesa district.

"I feel like it's a place where almost, I belong. I felt like I was home," said Hughes, 35. "I love the whole country, it was amazing, but Mexico City in particular was just really eye-opening."

The eight-part series is the first spinoff of Hughes' Gemini-Award-nominated Chuck's Day Off, which is broadcast in 30 countries.

The co-owner and chef of Montreal hot-spots Garde Manger and Le Bremner chose Mexico for the spinoff because he knows how to speak a little bit of Spanish and wanted to explore its terrain and cuisine.

"Everybody knows pico de gallo and tacos — well there's so much more," he said by phone. "Being from Quebec, my whole life I grew up on pork, corn, potatoes, and when I look at Mexico it's the same kind of deal, only they have hot peppers and they use the corn in a different fashion. But basically our staples are the same."

Watching Mexican locals cook with old-school methods — using local, in-season ingredients and minimizing waste — in remote areas with few resources taught Hughes a few techniques. It also made him realize how lucky he is to have everything at his disposal at his kitchens in Canada.

"I think that's probably what I take back the most

Beyond the ordinary

"Everybody knows pico de gallo and tacos — well, there's so much more."

Chef Chuck Hughes of new series Chuck's Day Off on his experience with Mexican food during the two months he spent in the country filming

from my whole experience.

Not necessarily any specific recipe but more of a philosophy and a way of treating the ingredients, looking at the ingredients and respecting the food," said Hughes.

"My life revolves around it and I've always respected food a lot, but in terms of professional cooking, we're very, very lucky that we have water whenever we want and it's used in every stage."

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Sanjuana's Pozole (rich corn and pork soup) is one of the dishes that will be spotlighted on Chuck's Week Off. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ FOOD NETWORK CANADA

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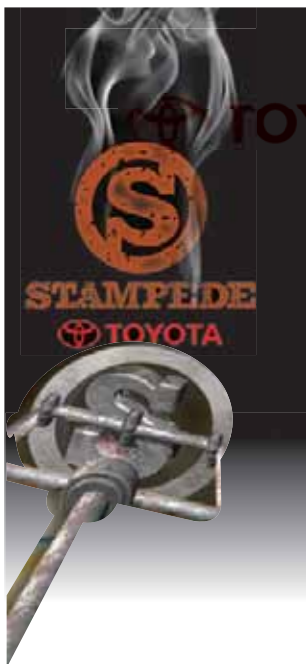
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Mixed martial arts

UFC cancels September event

UFC 151 has been cancelled after light heavyweight contender Dan Henderson was sidelined with a knee injury and champion Jon Jones declined a replacement fight with Chael Sonnen.

UFC president Dana White is furious with Jones and his trainer, Greg Jackson, for turning down the replacement bout in Las Vegas.

White says Jones is the first UFC champion ever to turn down a match.

Jones has agreed to fight former champion Lyoto Machida on Sept. 22 in Toronto. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Cycling

USADA vows to strip Armstrong of Tour de France titles

The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency said Thursday night it will strip Lance Armstrong of his unprecedented seven Tour de France titles after he declared he was through fighting the drug charges that threaten his legacy as one of the greatest cyclists of all time.

Travis Tygart, USADA's chief executive, said Armstrong would also be hit with a lifetime ban on Friday.

Still to be heard from was the sport's governing body, the International Cycling Union, which had backed Armstrong's legal challenge to USADA's authority. Armstrong declined to enter USADA's arbitration process because he said he was weary of fighting the doping accusations.

"There comes a point in every man's life when he has to say, 'Enough is enough.' For me, that time is now," Armstrong said in a statement sent to The Associated Press.

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NHL players, from left, Brian Elliott of the St. Louis Blues, Kevin Westgarth of the L.A. Kings and Mike Weaver of the Florida Panthers leave the NHLPA offices on Thursday after talks with the NHL in Toronto. **CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Outlook grim for NHL with lockout looming

Negotiations. League and union no nearer to a resolution as Sept. 15 deadline draws near

Another NHL lockout is beginning to feel like an inevitability.

Unable to move beyond the philosophical stage of talks, the owners and players have watched another week slip by without progress. They sat down together for a quick session Thursday morning before reporting the same significant

gap that has existed all along.

The main issue that divides them is far from complex.

"We believe we're paying out more than we should be," said commissioner Gary Bettman. "It's as simple as that."

Of course, the NHL Players' Association doesn't quite see it that way.

Executive director Donald Fehr has acknowledged there's room for some flexibility in that area — last week's proposal included three years with a slightly lower share in revenues for the players — but he hasn't come to the table in

Not much progress

With both sides so entrenched, real negotiations have yet to begin even though the Sept. 15 deadline for a lockout is fast approaching.

a conciliatory mood after taking over a union that capitulated during the last round of negotiations.

"Everybody understands that employers would always like to pay less," Fehr said. "That's not a surprise to any-

body — it's disappointing sometimes — but it's not a surprise."

The parties attempted to make some progress on Wednesday by clearing the meeting room of everyone but the key figures: Bettman and deputy commissioner Bill Daly along with Fehr and his brother Steve Fehr, the union's No. 2 man.

They soon discovered there was little common ground.

Those same four men will reopen talks next Tuesday in New York during what promises to be a key negotiation session. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

4 SPORTS

Mobile sports



Oakland's Brandon McCarthy says he's confident he's clean whenever the call comes for a random Major League Baseball drug test. But the Athletics right-hander admits the nerves do sometimes creep in, especially after his teammate, Bartolo Colon, received a 50-game ban this week. Scan the code for the story.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	72	52	.581	—
Tampa Bay	70	55	.560	2½
Baltimore	67	57	.540	5
Boston	59	66	.472	13½
Toronto	56	68	.452	16

CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	68	55	.553	—
Detroit	67	57	.540	1½
Kansas City	55	68	.447	13
Cleveland	54	70	.435	14½
Minnesota	51	73	.411	17½

WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	73	51	.589	—
Oakland	67	57	.540	6
Los Angeles	65	60	.520	8½
Seattle	61	64	.488	12½

Thursday's results

Detroit 3 **Toronto** 2 (11 inn.)L.A. Angels 14 **Kansas** 13 (10 inn.)Tampa Bay 5 **Oakland** 0Texas 10 **Minnesota** 6

Wednesday's results

Detroit 3 **Toronto** 2L.A. Angels 7 **Boston** 3Tampa Bay 5 **Kansas** City 3Chicago **White Sox** 2 **N.Y. Yankees** 1Seattle 3 **Cleveland** 1Oakland 5 **Minnesota** 1Texas 12 **Baltimore** 3

Friday's games

All times Eastern

L.A. Angels (Greinke 1-2) at Detroit (Porcello

9-8), 7:05 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 12-3) at Cleveland

(Kluber 0-2), 7:05 p.m.

Toronto (Villanueva 6-3) at Baltimore (Brit-

ton 2-1), 7:05 p.m.

Kansas City (B.Chen 9-10) at Boston (Lester

7-10), 7:10 p.m.

Oakland (J.Parker 8-7) at Tampa Bay

(M.Moore 10-7), 7:10 p.m.

Minnesota (Deduno 4-1) at Texas

(M.Harrison 14-7), 8:05 p.m.

Seattle (Vargas 13-8) at Chicago **White Sox**

(Peavy 9-9), 8:10 p.m.

Saturday's games

Oakland at Tampa Bay, 1:10 p.m.

Minnesota at Texas, 4:05 p.m.

L.A. Angels at Detroit, 7:05 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.

Toronto at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.

Kansas City at Boston, 7:10 p.m.

Seattle at Chicago **White Sox**, 7:10 p.m.

Sunday's games

L.A. Angels at Detroit, 1:05 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees at Cleveland, 1:05 p.m.

Kansas City at Boston, 1:35 p.m.

Toronto at Baltimore, 1:35 p.m.Seattle at Chicago **White Sox**, 2:10 p.m.

Minnesota at Texas, 3:05 p.m.

AL LEADERS

	G	AB	R	H	Avg.
Trout LAA	101	408	97	140	.343
McCabe Det	123	481	82	157	.326
Jeter NYY	122	522	78	169	.324
Mauer Minn	114	424	67	134	.316
Konerko ChiW	107	400	52	126	.315
Revere Minn	86	362	48	113	.312
Fielder Det	123	445	66	138	.310
AJackson Det	101	400	78	124	.310
Beltre Tex	119	463	70	142	.307
AEscobar KC	120	460	52	140	.304

Thursday's games not included

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	77	47	.621	—
Atlanta	71	53	.573	6
Philadelphia	58	67	.464	19½
New York	57	68	.456	20½
Miami	57	69	.452	21

CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	76	50	.603	—
St. Louis	68	56	.548	7
Pittsburgh	67	57	.540	8
Milwaukee	57	66	.463	17½
Chicago	47	76	.382	27½
Houston	39	86	.312	36½

WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	69	55	.556	—
Los Angeles	67	58	.536	2½
Arizona	64	61	.512	5½
San Diego	56	70	.444	14
Colorado	50	73	.407	18½

Thursday's results

Colorado 1 **N.Y. Mets** 0St. Louis 13 **Houston** 5Philadelphia 4 **Cincinnati** 3 (11 inn.)

Atlanta at San Francisco

Wednesday's results

San Francisco 8 **L.A. Dodgers** 4San Diego 4 **Pittsburgh** 2Colorado 5 **N.Y. Mets** 2Atlanta 5 **Washington** 1Arizona 3-3 **Miami** 2-0Cincinnati 3 **Philadelphia** 2St. Louis 4 **Houston** 2Milwaukee 3 **Chicago Cubs** 2

Friday's games

All times Eastern

Colorado (D.Pomeranz 1-7) at Chicago **Cubs**

(Samardzija 8-11), 2:20 p.m.

Milwaukee (Fiers 6-6) at Pittsburgh

(W.Rodriguez 8-12), 7:05 p.m.

Washington (E.Jackson 7-8) at Philadelphia

(K.Kendrick 6-9), 7:05 p.m.

Houston (Lyles 2-10) at **N.Y. Mets** (Niese 10-

6), 7:10 p.m.

St. Louis (Lynn 13-5) at Cincinnati (Latos 10-

3), 7:10 p.m.

San Diego (Stults 3-2) at Arizona (Corbin 5-

4), 9:40 p.m.

Miami (Eovaldi 4-8) at **L.A. Dodgers** (Billings-

ley 10-9), 10:10 p.m.

Atlanta (Sheets 4-3) at San Francisco (Vogel-

song 10-7), 10:15 p.m.

Saturday's games

Colorado at Chicago **Cubs**, 1:05 p.m.Houston at **N.Y. Mets**, 1:10 p.m.

Atlanta at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.

St. Louis at Cincinnati, 4:05 p.m.

Milwaukee at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.

Washington at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.

San Diego at Arizona, 8:10 p.m.

Miami at **L.A. Dodgers**, 9:10 p.m.

Sunday's games

Houston at **N.Y. Mets**, 1:10 p.m.

St. Louis at Cincinnati, 1:10 p.m.

Milwaukee at Pittsburgh, 1:35 p.m.

Washington at Philadelphia, 1:35 p.m.

Colorado at Chicago **Cubs**, 2:20 p.m.Miami at **L.A. Dodgers**, 4:10 p.m.

San Diego at Arizona, 4:10 p.m.

Atlanta at San Francisco, 8:05 p.m.

NL LEADERS

	G	AB	R	H	Avg.
AMcCutchen Pgh	120	455	87	159	.349
McCabe SF	113	459	84	159	.346
Posey SF	112	398	56	130	.327
Y Molina STL	105	392	47	126	.321

Thursday's games not included

TIGERS 3, BLUE JAYS 2 (11 INN.)

R.Davis lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.253
Rasmus cf	3	1	1	0	2	2	.236
Encarnacion 1b	5	1	1	2	0	1	.290
K.Johnson 2b	5	0	0	0	0	2	.224
Sierra dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.321
Vizquel 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.210
Mathis c	4	0	1	0	0	2	.218
McCoy pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	.214
Torrealba c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.238
Hechavarria ss	3	0	1	0	0	1	.171
Gose rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.183
Totals	36	2	5	2	2	13	
Detroit	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
A.Jackson cf	4	1	2	0	1	2	.312
Infante 2b	5	0	2	0	0	1	.294
Mi.Cabrera 3b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.326
R.Santiago 3b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.211
Boesch ph-rf	2	0	1	1	0	1	.248
Fielder 1b	4	0	0	0	1	1	.307
Jh.Peralta ss	4	0	2	0	1	0	.259
D.Young dh	5	0	1	0	0	0	.267
Berry pr	0	1	0	0	0	0	.272
Je.Baker rf-3b	4	0	0	0	1	3	.167
Dirks lf	5	0	1	0	0	1	.330
Avila c	4	1	1	1	1	1	.253
Totals	40	3	10	2	5	10	
Toronto	000	200	000	00	—	2	5
Detroit	000	000	020	01	—	3	10

LOB—Toronto 5, Detroit 10. HR—Encarnacion (33), off Verlander. RBIs—Encarnacion 2 (86), Boesch (49), Avila (36), SB—McCoy (2), Berry (17), CS—R.Davis (9). S—Hechavarria.

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Happ	7½	4	1	1	3	7	106	4.15
Lyon H, 5	½	1	1	1	0	0	4	2.03
Oliver BS, 2-4	½	1	0	0	1	0	8	1.83
Lincoln	½	0	0	0	0	0	6	5.84
Loup	1½	2	0	0	0	2	19	2.21
Jenkins L, 0-1	½	2	1	1	1	1	16	2.08
Detroit	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Verlander	9	4	2	2	2	12	115	2.50
Dotel	1	1	0	0	0	0	12	3.25
Coke	½	0	0	0	0	1	6	3.75
Benoit W, 3-3	½	0	0	0	0	0	10	3.21

T—3:25. A—39,910 (41,255).

BLUE JAYS STATISTICS

BATTERS	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	AVG
Sierra	49	5	17	2	5	.347
Cooper	140	16	42	4	11	.300
Encarnacion	493	75	126	32	84	.291
Lawrie	397	59	112	9	40	.282
Davis	308	50	78	6	33	.253
Bautista	328	63	80	27	65	.244
Arenceibia	281	36	68	16	50	.242
Torrealba	164	17	39	3	12	.238
Rasmus	442	56	104	20	66	.235
Johnson	415	52	94	14	46	.227
Lind	198	17	45	8	27	.227
Mathis	161	21	35	7	20	.217
Vizquel	120	11	26	0	3	.217
McCoy	28	4	6	1	6	.214
Gose	78	9	15	0	2	.192
Hechavarria	32	1	5	0	2	.156
PITCHERS	W	L	SV	IP	SO	ERA
Mathis	0	0	0	2.0	0	9.00
Jenkins	0	0	0	8.0	3	1.13
Lyon	1	0	0	13.0	22	1.38
Oliver	2	2	2	24.0	42	1.84
Janssen	1	1	0	16.8	20	2.22
Loup	0	2	0	19.0	12	2.37
Morrow	7	4	0	77.2	67	3.01
Villanueva	6	3	0	87.0	90	3.10
Perez	2	2	0	42.0	39	3.43
Delabar	3	1	0	48.0	66	3.75
Frasor	1	1	0	36.0	45	4.00
Laffey	3	5	0	73.0	39	4.56
Hutchison	5	3	0	58.2	49	4.60
Drabek	4	7	0	71.1	47	4.67
Alvarez	7	11	0	104.0	56	4.84
Happ	2	1	0	23.0	24	5.09
Romero	8	11	0	105.0	104	5.63
Beck	0	0	0	7.2	6	5.87
Lincoln	0	0	0	11.2	8	6.17
Santos	0	1	2	5.0	4	9.00
Coello	0	1	0	6.1	11	12.79

Thursday's game not included

TENNIS

ATP

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Singles — Quarter-finals

Tomas Berdych (2), Czech Republic, def.

Steve Darcis, Belgium, 4-6, 6-2, 6-0.

Sam Querrey (7), U.S., def. Alexandr Dolgop-

olov (4), Ukraine, 7-5, 4-6, 7-6 (3).

Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

Be honest with yourself about your financial situation. The only way to resolve a problem is to identify exactly what that problem is, so stop pretending everything is fine and get to grips with reality. You'll do OK.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Don't look for the usual explanations today. Look for explanations that seem most outrageous, because those are the ones most likely to be true. You need to learn to think in more creative ways.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

The Sun's link to Neptune will confront you with situations, both at home and at work, that demand a more flexible response. Approach the same old problems in the same old ways — and you'll get the same old results.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Don't waste time trying to make sense of what is going on in the world because most likely it will make no sense. The good news is you are one of the lucky few who will benefit from the upheavals.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

The more others tell you to follow the herd and do what everyone else is doing, the more you should do the opposite! The herd always ends up in the slaughterhouse, so break free and be the one who survives.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

You have got to be active if you want to succeed. For best results today get out into the world and meet as many new people as you can. Luck is most likely to come when you are on the move.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

The rules of the game are for other people. Why? Because you are playing a different game entirely. Do as you please and come and go as you see fit. To put it bluntly: Who is going to stop you?

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Do something out of the ordinary today. If others are shocked by your behaviour, that's both a bad sign and a good sign: bad in that it confirms you've become too predictable; good in that you know you must change.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Focus on your work today and believe that you can turn your dreams into realities. Whatever career path you have been following to date you must be more adventurous over the coming few weeks. What have you got to lose?

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Capricorn may be traditional by nature but you know when it is right to disrupt the status quo and that's now. Chaos is not always a bad thing. Out of disruption will come a more positive way of life.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You can afford to take a few risks today. No matter how close you sail to the edge, the planets suggest you won't fall over. Even if, somehow, you do, you'll have a soft landing.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

What you need to realize today is that when you go to one extreme, you encourage those who disagree with you to go to the opposite extreme. Is that what you want? If not, be moderate in what you say and do. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: A Team Member, a Party, a Group, and a Game

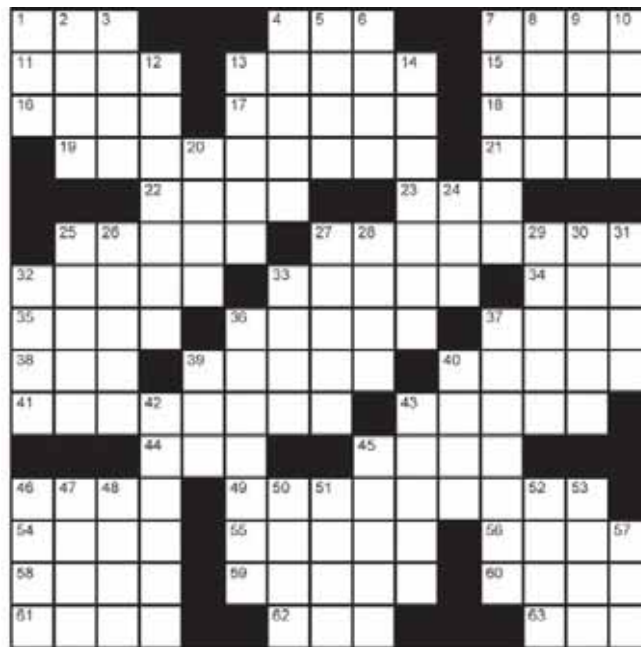
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Across

1. Distribute seeds
4. Scotsman's cap
7. Cash register
11. National Park west of Banff
13. It might come at the end of a fable
15. One of the reeds
16. ___ & Span: household cleanser
17. "... say, not ___": parental words to kids about following orders (3 wds.)
18. Battle with police
19. Member of a Calgary team
21. AOL and Comcast
22. World's longest river
23. 180° from WNW
25. Climb
27. Winnipeg's "American Woman" band (2 wds.)
32. Gazillions
33. Daybreaks, poetically
34. Condo group: initialism
35. ___ grievance: complain openly (2 wds.)
36. Refrigerator maker now part of Maytag
37. Remainder
38. Flying saucer
39. Bank holdings: abbr.
40. Come into port
41. Canada's oldest federally registered party
43. Spelunking sites
44. Was ahead
45. Florence's river
46. Biting insect
49. Sport often associated with Canada (2 wds.)
54. Wyatt ___: Gunfight at the OK Corral survivor now

Down

1. ___ admin: computer techie, for short
2. "Uh oh"
3. Insubstantial amount
4. "We're off ___ the Wizard" (2 wds.)
5. Dry
6. Fabricated
7. Harper's group
8. Bird associated with 22-Across
9. Circle around
10. Permits
12. Anthem sung in every province (2 wds.)
13. Symbolic Canadian leaf
14. Manitoba-born singer McKennitt who performs world music with Celtic and Middle Eastern themes
20. 1,000 ___ = 1 inch
24. Rattler's warning
25. Space opera genre (2 wds.)
26. Chocolate substitute
27. Agile mountain animals
28. Banquet coffeepots
29. In what place?



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30. Has, as a party
31. Promise
32. David's biblical predecessor
33. CCXV x X [how did the old Romans ever manage arithmetic?]
36. Early French Canadian
37. Took back, as permission
39. Exist

40. BMO: Fr.
42. Go by, as time
43. Political ally
45. Grind to ___: stop suddenly (2 wds.)
46. Great accomplishment
47. Cat-o'-nine-tails
48. Great Lake
50. Music sheet mark
51. Songstress Fitzgerald of jazz

52. Historic periods
53. He said, "Do, or do not. There is no try."
57. Tupolev Tu-144, for one: initialism

Yesterday's Crossword



What's online

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

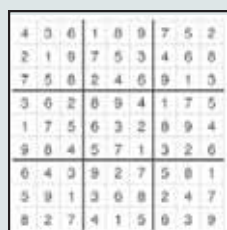


Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku



Weather

TODAY



MAX: 15°
MIN: 8°

SATURDAY



MAX: 18°
MIN: 8°

SUNDAY



MAX: 22°
MIN: 9°



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GOD HAS THE FINAL SAY

God means what He says and says what He means. Whatever God says concerning you is the absolute truth. If God says you are coming out of that sickness, trouble and debt, believe Him because that establishes you and believe His prophets so that you can prosper. It is impossible for God to lie. Neither is He human, so He does not change His mind. Has He ever spoken and fails to act? Has He ever promised and not carried it out? No matter the perverseness of the Devil and his cohort the word of God concerning you stands and it is the final.

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